

# *Informativo 77*

## *Mother Assunta*



*“God sees, God provides!”* (Mother Assunta Marchetti)

## THE VENERABLE MOTHER ASSUNTA MARCHETTI

Assunta Marchetti was born at Lombrici, near Camaiore in the Lucca area of Italy, on August 15, 1871, and died on July 1, 1948, in São Paulo, Brazil, among the orphan girls in the Christopher Columbus Orphanage, as she had always wished. Like Jesus, “she went about doing good ... to all”<sup>1</sup>

Cofounder of the Institute of the Missionary Sisters of St Charles Borromeo–Scalabrinians, she had intense love for her neighbor and especially for her fellow Sisters, devoting herself particularly to migrants, orphans, the sick, the afflicted and the neediest of the poor.

She drew strength from love of the Eucharistic Jesus and the Most Blessed Virgin to face the many difficult moments of her humble, harsh existence, during which she moved several times from the position of superior to working as a cook in orphanages, hospitals and rest homes, always generous toward the poor and ready to help those in need<sup>2</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> *At*, 10,38.

<sup>2</sup> *Pr* 31,20.

## ALONG-AWAITED GRACE

On February 24, 2013, the theologians from the Congregation for the Causes of Saints approved the theological aspect of the invocations raised for the recovery of Mr Heraclides Teixeira Filho, attributed to the intercession of Mother Assunta Marchetti and not all of which have yet been explained by the theologians.

We are therefore inviting everybody to praise and give thanks to the Lord, in unity of mind and heart, for having again been granted grace by Divine Providence, which brings us closer to the day of Venerable Mother Assunta's beatification.

We should remember that there will be a future review and evaluation on the part of the Ordinary Congregation of the Cardinals and Bishops and the submission of "our" cause to the Holy Father in order to obtain his opinion. And if this is positive, the beatification will follow. How many people will then sing with us their "Thanks be to God", full of joyful gratitude?

## ETERNAL GRATITUDE

In the name of the Vice-Postulation and all devotees, we would express our sincere and deep-felt gratitude to Sister Laura Bondi, who completed her mandate as postulator of the cause for the beatification of Venerable Mother Assunta Marchetti at the end of December 2012.

On January 11, 2013, Sister Leocadia Mezzomo officially took over from her, thus ensuring continuation of the process for the beatification and canonization of Venerable Mother Assunta.

We shall be eternally grateful to Sister Laura, who has devoted herself full-time to the process

of Venerable Mother Assunta over the past 15 years, with great generosity, love and tireless commitment. Thanks to her painstaking work, the cause has reached a good point, giving us hope that we are really now close to the long-awaited beatification.

Our hearts praise and give thanks to the Lord for all the knowledge of the past of our institute that she has handed on, as well as the witnesses and words of wisdom that Sister Laura has left us during the long years of her work as postulator. We give her our heartfelt thanks for all this, asking the Lord to go on enriching her with abundant blessings and graces in her life and mission.

We wish Sister Leocadia Mezzomo, the new postulator, that she will continue to carry the process of our Venerable Cofounder forward with wisdom, so that we may soon invoke her as Blessed.

*Sister Jaira Oneida Mendes Garcia, mscs  
Vice-Postulator*

## FORTITUDE IN MOTHER ASSUNTA MARCHETTI

Which of can say when we shall be visited by suffering? Sooner or later, in one way or another, every human being experiences the difficulties inherent in humanity, for we know from experience that nobody lives in a bed of roses. We live in a constant tension between good and evil, light and shadow, wheat and tares.

The Apostle Paul depicts this inner ambiguity very well when he tells us that we do not do what we want, but what we do not want (cf. Rom 7:19).

We have seen that when Christ proposed his path to people, he said: "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his

cross and follow me” (Mt 16:24). In other words: Live as I have lived. We are certainly not saying that this is an easy suggestion. On the contrary, it is an invitation that calls for discipline, sacrifice of our own will, entering into the narrow path of asceticism, and gift of self, where the other has a special space. And here it is helpful to look at the following definition:

*Fortitude is the moral virtue that ensures firmness in difficulties and constancy in the pursuit of the good. It strengthens the resolve to resist temptations and to overcome obstacles in the moral life. The virtue of fortitude enables one to conquer fear, even fear of death, and to face trials and persecutions. It disposes one even to renounce and sacrifice one’s life in defense of a just cause. “The Lord is my strength and my song” (Ps 118:14). “In the world you have tribulation but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world” (Jn 16:33).*

*(Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 1808)*

The virtue of fortitude is therefore known as the virtue of consistency, generosity, heroism, daring in seeking the good, steadfastness and persistence. The virtue of fortitude is a support in living the values that transcend even our very will. It encourages us to configure our lives to that of Christ, in order to overcome the strategies of evil, for those who seek fortitude in faith know in whom they are placing their trust.

To speak with confidence, which of us does not look with admiration, respect and wonder on the extreme trust in God lived by Mother Assunta Marchetti?

She had understood that God is Father and that he therefore knows better than us the struggles of our daily lives. She was convinced that he can and wants to help us in our weaknesses and that he comes to our aid, giving us his Son, who became one of us and comes to give us his strength, vigor and divine energy, through the gift of fortitude that the Spirit communicates to us. “I can do all things in him who strengthens me” (Phil 4:13).

This fortitude that Mother Assunta received from the Holy Spirit, gave her courage in tiredness, peace in the face of incomprehension, hope in Divine Providence in the face of so much poverty, consolation in the face of the various losses she suffered, trust when the future seemed uncertain, serenity in the face of humiliations and detachment to an extreme degree. And when she was tried to the utmost, she remained faithful to the charism of the foundation and the work started, even when she no longer had the presence and help of her dear brother, Father Joseph Marchetti, a time when the cross truly weighed heavy on her shoulders.

Mother Assunta was aware of her mission and felt the presence of God in history, so that she continued her vocational path in the certainty of being accompanied by the gift of fortitude.

Every Christian has the gift of fortitude in virtue of his or her baptism and can always call on this inner strength, especially when tried by the adversities of life. All the saints, including Mother Assunta, were able to use difficulties in order to exercise themselves in acceptance and in living the gift of fortitude. The greater the difficulty, the more intense her trust in God was. What was possible for our forebears can also be for us, too.

MAY THE FORTITUDE OF OUR DEAR  
VENERABLE MOTHER ASSUNTA  
ENCOURAGE US TO GROW IN  
STRENGTH OF WILL  
AND IN THE COMMITMENT TO TAKING  
ON OUR CONSECRATED  
CHRISTIAN LIFE  
AS TRUE DISCIPLES AND  
MISSIONARIES OF JESUS CHRIST!

*(Sister Zenaide Martins de Oliveira, mscs)*

WITNESSES PROCLAIMING AND  
EXALTING THE POWER  
OF VENERABLE MOTHER  
ASSUNTA MARCHETTI'S  
INTERCESSION

**910. I AM HAPPY: MY REQUEST WAS  
ANSWERED!**

Some years ago, I asked God, through Mother Assunta's intercession, to grant that I would one day be able to purchase a house. Now this grace has been granted and I am very happy. It was a good deal, the contract has been registered and we have already left the rented accommodation we had been living in. Thank you, Mother Assunta! I am praying and hoping that Mother Assunta's beatification will happen as soon as possible.

*(Adair Shirlei Evangelista, Uberaba, MG, Brazil)*

**911. MOTHER ASSUNTA INTERCEDES FOR US  
FROM HEAVEN!**

I am and always will be grateful to Mother Assunta, who is also an effective interceder with God, our good Father. I had to have a cataract operation and the doctor in charge told me I should have the surgery as soon as possible. I was very worried and at once started a novena to Venerable Mother Assunta with great fervor and in the increasing certainty that everything would go well. I had the surgery and everything went well and continued to go well. Now I am well. Mother Assunta was obviously waiting for me and I am very grateful to God and her. How wonderful it is to have Mother Assunta up there in heaven, always ready to intercede for us who are still here in the world seeking to carry out God's will.

*(Maria Carlota Lava Colorado, Anta Gorda, RS, Brazil)*

# THE FOLLOWING ASK FOR VENERABLE MOTHER ASSUNTA'S MARCHETTI'S INTERCESSION OR SEND THANKS FOR THIS INTERCESSION

- ◆ *Simoni Vilmen, Sarcedo, Vicenza, Italy*, who is a faithful devotee of Venerable Mother Assunta, entrusts her health and all her family's needs to her.
- ◆ *Elde de Freitas, Orlândia, SP, Brazil*, asks for prayers for her family members, so that they may pass various examinations and then overcome difficulties in their future employment, in order to fulfill their family and social duties as soon as possible.
- ◆ *Sister Maria Benedetta, St. Joseph's Monastery, Cremona, Italy*, thanks God for the many graces she has been granted through the intercession of Venerable Mother Assunta Marchetti, of whom she now asks for the grace of the virtue of humility for herself and all her fellow Sisters, and for the blessing of new vocations to the monastic life.
- ◆ *Antonio Einar Hansen, Jaboticabal, SP, Brazil*, asks for the eternal repose of his father (Waldemar), his aunt (Yandra Hansen) and his mother (Zulmira Verra Hansen), who used to turn to prayer in any need, asking for Mother Assunta's intercession.
- ◆ *Maria Aparecida G. Vendrame, Marialva, PR, Brazil*, gives thanks for the many favors she and her family have received through the intercession of Venerable Mother Assunta Marchetti.





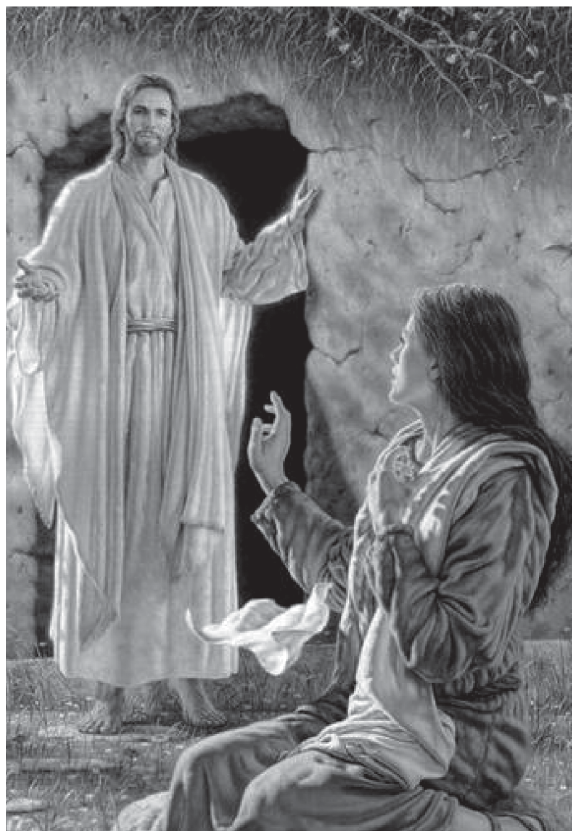
- Elza Prudente de Andrade, Rio de Janeiro, RJ, Brazil
- Aurora Marchetti, Campo Grande, Cariacica, ES, Brazil
- Adair Shirlei Evangelista, Uberaba, MG, Brazil
- Eliza C. Laçava, Sorocaba, SP, Brazil
- Malvina Feleti de Souza, Araçongas, PR, Brazil
- Simoni Vilmen, Sarcedo, Vicenza, Italy
- Miralda Franciscângelo, Taquaral, Campinas, SP, Brazil
- Sister Marina Satyro, Aqua Rasa, São Paulo, SP, Brazil
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*Dear friends of Venerable Mother Assunta,  
the postulation sends sincere thanks  
to those who have generously sent donations or stamps  
in order to help with postal expenses.*

*A good journey toward Pentecost!*

*May Venerable Mother Assunta bless you  
and reward you!*





*A fruitful easter time,  
Under the luminous gaze  
Of the risen one!*

## PRAYER TO VENERABLE MOTHER ASSUNTA MARCHETTI FOR HER BEATIFICATION



**O** Jesus who said, “Come unto me all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest,” I give you thanks for making the Servant of God Mother Assunta Marchetti the comfort of migrants, the mother of orphans, and the solace of those in need.

*Through your infinite merits and the intercession of Mary, our Most Holy Mother, glorify your humble servant Mother Assunta on earth, and let her obtain from you the grace I so need. Amen.*

(Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be)

*(With ecclesiastical approval)*

**Spread this prayer!**

**Pray to Venerable Mother Assunta  
and you will see miracles!**

- We gratefully accept donations and stamps to help cover printing and postal costs.
- After reading this leaflet, hand it on to other people.
- Always write and tell us when you receive some grace from Venerable Mother Assunta.
- If you move home, send us your new address.



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