

# Mother Mary Teresa Guild

Parish Visitors of Mary Immaculate

Progress of Cause:

Nihil obstat: 28 Feb 2013

Opening of Diocesan

16 April 2013

Closing of Diocesan

Inquiry

13 January 2015

Decree of Validity

29 April 2016

PRAY FOR THE PROGRESS OF THE CAUSE OF BEATIFICATION/



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# With Thanksgiving to God



Ceremony of Transfer of Remains

Many of you know that on October 16, 2015 the remains of the Servant of God, Mother Mary Teresa Tallon, were exhumed. This is a part of the Beatification/Canonization process.

In the above photo, Brother Reginald Cruz, CFX and Sr. Maria Catherine, PVMI are securing the casket with the red ribbon and wax, while Mother Carole Marie, PVMI and Msgr. Douglas Mathers, Episcopal Delegate are looking on.

Despite the 61 years since Mother's death and burial in a cemetery which accumulates much water, Mother's remains were discovered to be "well preserved"! Therefore, it was necessary to place her remains in a regular sized casket.

While awaiting the completion of a new granite sarcophagus, Mother's remains were placed in a crypt which is directly under the Main Chapel Altar.

On December 9, 2016 the new sarcophagus was ready and the transferal of Mother's remains to the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception was completed.

Father Tom Byrnes, Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish and Father Joseph Doran, SDB, Chaplain for the Parish Visitors of Mary Immaculate, were present with the Sisters on this momentous occasion.



# Important Dates in the Life of Mother Mary Teresa Tallon,

**Birth** Julia Teresa Tallon, May 6, 1867

Entrance to Religious Life

April 30, 1887

**Perpetual Profession** 

As a Holy Cross Sister

August 15, 1893

First Inspirational Grace

July 2, 1900

Fullness of Vocational Inspiration

January 25, 1908, Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, during Mass Foundation of PVMI

August 15, 1920 at 328 W. 72nd Street, NYC

Entrance into Eternal Life

March 10, 1954

#### We Thank God for our Pioneer Parish Visitors of Mary Immaculate

There are many reasons for each of us to give thanks to God! If we spent some time thinking about it, I am certain that we could fill a book! Parish Visitors of Mary Immaculate have many reasons for which to be grateful; most especially for the openness of our Foundress, Mother Mary Teresa, to the Holy Spirit—allowing Him to use her to begin this wonderful Congregation.

While still a Holy Cross Sister, Mother was the Superintendent of the Sunday School at St. Paul's Parish, NYC. She had 100 volunteer catechists, among them three of our pioneer Sisters. Without Mother's spiritual and apostolic direction, these Sisters would not have persevered in their dedication to the "Grand Cause" of the foundation of our Community. We Parish Visitors of Mary Immaculate know that we stand on the shoulders of "Giants" - these wonderful Sisters who lived so faithfully the charism of contemplation for the streets given to Mother by God. Below are the words of gratitude of Mother Mary Teresa for these Sisters:

"Let me thank you, my dear Sisters, first chosen of God as Parish Visitors of Mary Immaculate, for your loyal and devoted assistance to me in the many hears gone by. It was a helpfulness recorded by the Angels. Let us be strongly united in spirit for the Good Shepherd's service, under the protection of Blessed Mary Immaculate, Saint Joseph, our patrons and Angel Guardians."

The Parish Visitors of today say with Mother: THANK YOU: To our Pioneer Sisters!

From Left to Right:

Sister Mary Joseph

Sister Mary Magdalene

Sister Mary Elizabeth



In Her Own Words:

The Spirit of Thankfulness

"God is always giving us favors; why should we not thank Him all the time? The very least of His graces is such an immense favor that no mind can estimate it.

"There is one way by which we can gauge most especially the value of grace, and that is by looking at the crucifix. There, as on Calvary, we see Christ giving His life to purchase grace for man, and the same Passion may be offered every day in the Holy Mass as a thanksgiving to God for all the graces He gives us. Let us be thankful, then, and often say, 'Thanks be to God.' Let us be thankful and express gratitude in the best way, that is officially with the Church, by offering the Holy Sacrifice in union with the priest at the altar of God. This way of rendering devotion is in keeping with the Liturgy of Holy Mass, which is the voice of Christ pleading to His Father for mankind." (Conferences on Special Occasions, p. 2—1921)

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#### **DECREE OF VALIDITY**



As you know, it was in January, 2015 that Mother Carole Marie and Sister Maria Catherine brought to the Congregation for the Causes of Saints the 8, 008 pages of documents collected for the Diocesan Inquiry Phase .

Once all the documents were bound, they were then read thoroughly by a Canon Lawyer at the Congregation for the Causes of Saints. Every page is scrutinized for its fidelity to the form: checking whether all the proper signatures, dates, seals, etc., are included.

At the conclusion of this process, a "Decree of Validity" is issued. Praise God that on April 29, 2016 we received the "Decree of Validity"!

The Vice Postulator is continuing to work on writing the "Positio" - a 500 page document that chronicles the activities of the Servant of God, as well as writing a biography, showing how she practiced "heroic virtue". Once this is accepted, we will be able to say: Venerable Mother Mary Teresa Tallon!! PLEASE PRAY FOR THIS PHASE OF THE CAUSE!

### Prayer Requests 999 Prayers Answered

#### **Prayer Requests:**

JJ, 6 yr. old

CML, 12 yr. old

Diana, cancer

Fr. A, cancer

Karen, young Mom, cancer

LG, cancer

Lefa, cancer

MM, young Mom, cancer

VA, cancer

Jake, cancer

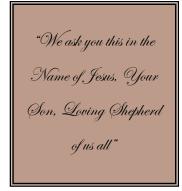
Andrew, cancer

Mike, eye problems

Christine, eye problems

#### Prayers Answered:

Many persons have been writing in to say that they have had answers to their prayers through the intercession of the Servant of God, Mother Mary Teresa Tallon.





# Prayer (for private use only)

Mary Teresa Tallon, you summon all your faithful to become apostles to the most spiritually deprived.

Through Your loving kindness, we pray that You heed this

special favor which would confirm the holiness of Your faithful Servant:

Heavenly Father, through the example of Your Servant,

(here make your request).

We ask You this in the Name of Jesus, Your Son, loving Shepherd of us all. Amen.

1With Ecclesiastical Approbation: +Timothy Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop of NY

27 December 2012

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Donations to be used for the Beatification/Canonization of Mother Mary Teresa would be greatly appreciated. Please mail to above address.

#### Membership in Guild:

Your membership in the Guild includes:

- Praying for the success of the Beatification process
- Promoting the Cause for Mother's Beatification
- Praying for the Intentions of the Members
- Praying for the Miracle God intends for Mother's Beatification/Canonization
- ♦ Help to gather funds to promote the Cause

THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS IS OFFERED FOR THE INTENTIONS OF GUILD MEMBERS, TWICE MONTHLY, AT THE CHAPEL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

PLEASE REMEMBER THE CAUSE IN YOUR PRAYERS

# **Costs for any Beatification/Canonization Cause**

\$4,360. Nomination for Relatore \$2,180. When turning in the "Positio"

\$8,720 The first Meeting of Theological Consultors

To present a miracle:

\$4,360. On Closing & turning in the Acts of the Inquest

\$7,630 First Medical Consultation

\$7,630 First Meeting of Theological Consultors

Where are we? The Vice Postulator is currently writing the 500 page "Positio"



&Parish Visitors of Mary Immaculate are a contemplative-missionary Congregation of Sisters involved in the New Evangelization through missionary visitation and catechetical ministry, walking with Mary in the footsteps of the Good Shepherd.