

# Sisters of the Presentation of Mary

A name - A heritage - A prophecy

225 years of presence

*Together to proclaim JESUS CHRIST by our whole life!*



**“Behold your Mother!**

**From that hour the disciple took her into his home.” (Jn 19:27).**

This "new motherhood of Mary," generated by faith, is the fruit of the "new" love which came to definitive maturity in her at the foot of the Cross, through her sharing in the redemptive love of her Son.

**Redemptoris Mater, 23**

**With Mary**

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## Marie Rivier: Her love for Our Lady

The story of Madame Rivier's life is almost nothing more than the story of her devotion to the Blessed Virgin, or rather of an uninterrupted reciprocity of trust and favours. She was still a very young child, and already she loved spending hours at the feet of Mary.

In the simplicity of her devotion to Mary, she wrote letters and had them placed on one of her altars. In these letters, we see how she opens her heart to Mary, as a child would to her mother. Mary is the Foundress of the Congregation and the first superior. **EV. p 65-66**

Marie Rivier said: I received everything through the prayer of the rosary! I have always loved talking to the Blessed Virgin, quite simply, like a child to its mother.

### *Let us meditate the Word of God*

**Lk 2 : 19** Mary, however, kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.

**Jn 2 : 1-11** The mother of Jesus said to him : they have no wine ...

**Jn 19: 25-27** Behold your Mother! From that hour the disciple took her into his home.

**Ac 1 : 14** All these devoted themselves with one accord to prayer, together with some women, and Mary, the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

### *... and our Rule of Life*

**C 11** *We are daughters of Mary*

**C 77** Mary cooperates with Christ and the Church in educating us spiritually

**C 99** As on the apostles in the Upper Room, Mary draws upon us the Spirit of fortitude

**D 31a** Devoted in a very special way to the Virgin Mary, we honor her with a tender, filial piety.

**D 55** We love to speak about Mary, our Mother and Guardian, and endeavor by all means to make her better known and loved.

### *Commentary...*

Jesus in his love gave his mother to the disciple, to the Church and to humanity.

Marian devotion has its ultimate reason in the unfathomable will of God, in his plan of love. God loved Mary for himself and loved her for us too. He gave her to himself and he also gave her to us. The gift of Mary belongs to the testament of Jesus and is related to the paschal mystery.

Loving and welcoming Mary into your home is not a private initiative, it is not an ecclesial initiative, it is an initiative of **Christ**. The disciples welcome the *precious* Mother as *the heritage of the Master*.

“The Blessed Virgin's role as Mother leads the People of God to turn with filial confidence to her who is ever ready to listen with a mother's affection and efficacious assistance.” (Pope Paul VI, *Marialis Cultus* 57) “By her maternal charity, she cares for the brethren of her Son, who still journey on earth.” (*Lumen Gentium*, 62)

### *... a prayer*

**Lord, you who left your Mother in our midst  
so that she might accompany us,  
grant that she might take care of us,  
protect us on our journey,  
in our hearts, in our faith.  
May she make of us disciples, just as she was,  
and missionaries as she also was.**

Pope Francis

## ... a commitment

Marie Rivier said: *I obtained everything through the prayer of the rosary.* We are daughters of Mary! In our journey as we prepare for the celebration of the jubilee of our foundation, let us renew our relationship with Mary, Mother of Jesus and our Mother

- ❖ **Prayer of the rosary both personally and in community**



## Explanation of the LOGO

**The cross of Christ** is a symbol of our being as a Christian; our faith in Jesus Christ.

Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Through Mary to Christ.

**The laurel wreath** symbolizes the victory of making Christ known and loved. Continue to educate the Christian people and enrich their faith.

**The heart** symbolizes our love for Jesus Christ lived each day.

**The dove** represents the sisters who spread the word of God, the Bible