

# Hermandades de la Presentación de María

*Un nombre - Una herencia - Una profecía*

*225 años de presencia*



*¡Unas para proclamar a JESUCRISTO con toda nuestra vida!*

**MERCY/COMPASSION**

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## Marie Rivier



It is indeed God who gives you these feelings of compassion, of tenderness for his beloved members, and he will take your good desires into account, since we are powerless to help them. (Letter 888)

Above all, I wish you his humility, mortification and perfect charity, his love for the poor and for poverty. (Letter1211)

Out of compassion for these poor children, my dear daughter, try to do without this Sister...

(Letter 55)

## Word of God...

**Hos 2: 21** I will espouse you in right and in justice, in love and in mercy.

**Ps 69: 21** I looked for compassion, there was none, for comforters, but found none.

**Ps 86: 15** But you, Lord, are a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger, most loving and true.

**Lm 3: 22** The favors of the Lord are not exhausted, his mercies are not spent.

**Mt 5: 7** Blessed are the merciful for they will be shown mercy.

**Lk 1: 50** His mercy is from age to age to those who fear him.

**Mk 6: 34** When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd.

## Rule of Life

- C 5** ... a community of adoration, locus of his presence and of his mercy for all, sign of God's Kingdom on earth.
- C 57** ... the more we know the mercy of God, the more we ourselves will also become mercy and compassion for others.
- C 84** ... we express to each other the Lord's own mercy
- C 101** Far from keeping enchained the Word of mercy which we have received from the Father, we announce it boldly.
- D 29** He restores and saves us by his gentle mercy.
- D 39** The perfection of love lies in mercy.
- D 50** ... at the foot of the Pietà. This is where her heart embraced the compassion of Christ and of his Mother.
- D 56** ... we want to be, like Marie Rivier, women of compassion and of communion wherever we are sent.

## Commentary

The words of Jesus: "Be merciful as your Father is merciful" (Luke 6:36) echo the ancient commandment: "Be holy as I, the Lord your God, am holy" (Leviticus 19:2). To describe holiness, Jesus spoke of mercy. Mercy is the purest reflection of God in a human life. "Through mercy towards your neighbour you resemble God" (Basil the Great). Mercy is the humanity of God. It is also the divine future of man.

Jesus fully reveals to us the God who never stops doing good, who always makes a new beginning possible for those who come to him. As Brother Roger often said: "God can do nothing but love." (Taizé)

## Prayer

"O Jesus, I desire to live in the present moment, to live as if this were the last day of my life, to use every moment carefully for the greater glory of God, to draw from every circumstance a blessing for my soul. To look at everything, considering that nothing happens without the will of God. God of unfathomable mercy, envelop the whole world and pour out your own self upon us through the compassionate Heart of Jesus. » (Sister Faustine)

## Commitment

I make an act of mercy or compassion towards .....  
either by a gesture, a word or by prayer.

## Logo

**Cross:** Center of our life JESUS-CHRIST. Pathway to remain in the will of the Lord. *"Where there are crosses, there is the will of the Lord"* Marie Rivier.

**Bible:** It forms our "spiritual being". A light that illuminates our being. *To be an open Gospel where all can read Jesus Christ"* Marie Rivier.

**Seal:** Presence of our mother, the Virgin Mary, formator and gardien.

**Fire :** LOVE of Jesus Christ which burns in our hearts. The zeal to make him known and loved in all the places where he is not known.

**Holy Spirit:** The One who inspires and moves us from within.  
*We cannot remain silent about what we have heard.*