**196 Death Anniversary of Fr. John Bonal**

**August 19, 2025**

**Introduction Liturgy of the Hours**

The thanksgiving prayer for the life of the Venerable Fr. John Bonal, who lived faith, hope and charity in heroic degree, convokes us today in our praise to God.

He was disciple of the Lord Jesus, in Whom he found his treasure; he lived and lost his life for the others, making a reality the Good News of the Master: “What you did for one of these little ones, you did it to me”.

We thank God for the life of our Father John, united to each Sister of the Congregation and to each Laity of St. Anne Family, especially in the Province of Fr. John Bonal, in India and Nepal.

May we live as Fr. John lived, for the Glory of God and good of our brethren, especially the poorest and the neediest.

**Petition Liturgy of the Hours**

In this day of thanksgiving prayer for the life of our Fr. John Bonal, we pray to God through his intercession, that the light of His Holy Spirit may continue accompanying us and enlightening our Charismatic Family during the time of welcoming and deepening the Conclusions and Agreements of our 31st General Chapter.

We remember in a special way the Sisters and Laity of Saint Anne Family of the Province of Fr. John Bonal, in India and Nepal, and the Communities that have his name.

**Introduction of the Eucharist**

The thanksgiving prayer to God for the life of Fr. John Bonal convokes us today to this celebration.

Pope Leo XIV says that *the Spirit is the Gift that opens our lives to love. Allows us to find a new way of approaching and experiencing life. He puts us in touch with our inmost self. He leads us to an encounter with the Lord by teaching us to experience the joy that is his gift. The Spirit opens our interior borders, so that our lives can become places of welcome and refreshment…*

In the daily journey of our Charismatic Family, we are accompanied by the witness of holiness of the Venerable Fr. John Bonal, a man who allowed himself to be guided by the Holy Spirit. He lived relied on God; he loved Him with all his heart, and loved in the same way those whom he met on his way: our Sisters, the sick, the poor and people in need of God.

Fr. John poured out the balm of Charity; he was a maker of peace and reconciliation; he gave dignity back to the people immersed in pain and shame; he set aside the personal efficiency so that the strength and gift of God could shine.

So, we acknowledge today with gratitude the gift of his life for our Congregation and for the Church, and we pray that we may allow ourselves to be guided by the Holy Spirit after the celebration of our General Chapter, and to walk as him, relied on God, loving with our whole heart, serving “with the greatest care, with full detail, with all love”, and being expression of His Love and Mercy, especially for the poorest and the neediest.

**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

* We pray for the Leo XIV, bishops, priests and deacons. May, according to the example of Fr. John, they may be faithful Shepherds of the People of God. LET US PRAY
* We pray for the people who work for peace. May, as Fr. John, they may not lose hope and know they are always held and strengthened by God. We pray in special way for the countries and people punished by war and violence, for those who emigrate or need a refuge in other countries. LET US PRAY
* We pray for those who suffer material and spiritual wants. May, through the intercession of Fr. John, they receive words and gestures of consolation, help and fraternity in their concrete situation of pain and hopelessness. LET US PRAY
* We pray for our Charismatic Family, which lives open to the welcome of the Conclusions and Agreements of the 31st General Chapter, and especially for the Sisters and Laity of the Province of Fr. John Bonal and the Communities that have his name. LET US PRAY
* We pray for those whom we serve. May, through the mediation of Fr. John Bonal, they receive all what they need, “with the greatest care, with full detail, with all love”. LET US PRAY
* We pray for those who feel called to the Consecrated, Priestly or Missionary Life. May, through the intercession of Fr. John, they live accompanied in their discernment and decision. LET US PRAY
* May the Lord grant us to see soon acknowledged in the Church the holiness of Father John Bonal. LET US PRAY
* We pray for the Sisters, benefactors, collaborators, relatives and friends that already enjoy God’s Presence and who accompany, in one or another way our congregational journey. LET US PRAY
* We pray for all of us. May, as Fr. John, we allow ourselves to be guided by the Holy Spirit so that our life may be a place of hospitality. LET US PRAY

**256 Birth Anniversary of Father John Bonal**

**August 24, 2025**

**Introduction Liturgy of the Hours**

We praise our God in the beginning of this day in which we celebrate the 256 birth anniversary of the Venerable Fr. John Bonal, by making grateful memory of his life.

Faithful disciple of the Lord Jesus, with Him and through Him, he made of his life a path in which everybody had place and found a place were to be listened and forgiven; to recover peace and hope, to rekindle faith and to continue walking…

Today, we are grateful to God for the life of Fr. John, united to the Sisters of our Congregation and the Laity of St. Anne Family, especially of the Province of Father John Bonal, in India and Nepal.

May, as Father John, we live professing our faith in Him and be authentic, truthful people, in whom there is no deception, no duplicity.

**Petition Liturgy of the Hours**

We thank our God for the life of our Father John Bonal.

May he accompany especially our Charismatic Family in the welcome and deepening the Conclusions and Agreements of our 31st General Chapter.

We remember, in a special way, our Sisters and the Laity of Saint Anne Family of the Province of Fr. John Bonal, in India and Nepal, and the Communities that have his name.

**Introduction of the Eucharist**

We are convoked today by the thanksgiving prayer to God for the life of the Venerable Father John Bonal, in the 256 anniversary of his birth.

As Nathanael, he lived professing his faith in Jesus, the Son of God, Whom he followed and surrendered, being mediation of His Life, for men and women whom he offered material and spiritual help, “with the greatest care, with full detail, with all love”.

His life was a Path of Hospitality, which we are also called to walk, following the steps of the Lord, as Fr. John did: Accompanying with the warm word and the close and appropriate gesture; offering a space where it was possible to pour out oneself and to rest; being makers of peace and unity; alleviating the heart with God’s pardon; sharing the bread and the Word; listening in an attentive and vulnerable way; comforting in the pain and in the shame…

We are grateful to God today, in a special way, for the gift of the life of Fr. John to the Church and to the Congregation, on the Path after the celebration of our 31st General Chapter. May we live as he lived, being authentic people who profess their faith in the Lord, and who serve Him in their brethren, especially in the poorest and in the neediest.

**Prayer of the Faithful**

* We pray for the Pope Leo XIV, bishops, priests and deacons so that they may live, according to the example of Fr. John, animating the faith of the People of God in Jesus, the Son of God. LET US PRAY
* May every gesture for peace and communion, free societies and Communities from the consequences of the economic crisis and the slavery of indifference, individualism and violence. May, as Fr. John, we be makers of peace. LET US PRAY
* May God’s Love comfort those who suffer, through women and men who, as Father John, live sowing consolation, courage and hope. LET US PRAY
* May those who feel called to the Consecrated, Priestly and Missionary Life, through the mediation of Father John, answer God’s call with total trust, promptitude and availability. LET US PRAY
* May those whom we serve, as the example of Father John Bonal, receive all what they need and be attended “with the greatest care, with full detail, with all love”. LET US PRAY
* We pray for our Charismatic Family, which lives open to the welcome of the Conclusions and Agreements of the 31st General Chapter, and especially for the Sisters and Laity of the Province of Fr. John Bonal and the Communities that have his name. LET US PRAY
* May the Lord grant us to see soon acknowledged in the Church the holiness of Father John Bonal. LET US PRAY
* We pray for the Sisters, benefactors, collaborators, relatives and friends that already enjoy God’s Presence and who accompany, in one or another way our congregational journey. LET US PRAY
* May those who participate in this thanksgiving Eucharist to God for the life of Father John live with our eyes placed in the Lord Jesus and be proclamation and gesture of His Mercy. LET US PRAY

**172 Death Anniversary of M. Maria Rafols**

**August 30, 2025**

**Introduction Liturgy of the Hours**

Today we praise and are grateful to God for the life of our Mother Maria Rafols.

In her daily journey, she allowed herself to be dwelt by the Lord Jesus. Following His steps, she was a welcoming woman who esteemed every person, loved without limits, welcomed with detail, sensed the needs of others, available for any kind of service, maker of unity, peace and fraternity… In this way, she went on shaping our congregational identity and style.

We are grateful to God for the life of our Mother Maria Rafols, united to each Sister of the Congregation and the Laity of St. Anne Family, remembering the Communities that have her name.

We come today before our God with gratitude of daughters. May He grant us to be expression of His Love and Mercy, as Mother Maria Rafols.

**Petition Liturgy of the Hours**

In this day of thanksgiving prayer for the life of Mother Maria Rafols, we place in God’s Hands, through her intercession, our Charismatic Family.

May the light of the Holy Spirit accompany us and guide us in the welcome and deepening the Conclusions and Agreements of the 31st General Chapter.

We remember today, in a special way, the Communities that have her name.

**Introduction of the Eucharist**

We are convoked today by the thanksgiving prayer to God for the life of our Mother Maria Rafols, who loved God, and in Him, her Sisters and brethren with her whole heart, and surrendered herself to them “with the greatest care, with full detail, with all love”.

The Love and Mercy of God the Father was poured out through her in the children of the Foundling Home of Zaragoza and the Mercy House of Huesca; in the sick of Our Lady of Grace Hospital; in the wounded people of the Independence War; in her Sisters of Community; in the staff with whom she worked and even in the members of the Governing Board of this Hospital; also, in the situation she lived in prison and in the exile.

We remember today, in a special way, the Sisters and Laity of the Province of Mother Rafols, our Charismatic Family in the five Continents, and we ask for the intercession of Mother Maria Rafols in our Path welcoming and deepening the Conclusions and Agreements of the General Chapter we have just celebrated.

Let us thank today the gift of her life in a special way, and let us walk like Mother Maria Rafols being expression of the merciful embrace of God the Father, of the unconditional love of God the Son and of the breath of the God the Holy Spirit.

**Prayer of the Faithful**

* We pray for the Pope Leo XIV, bishops, priests and deacons. May through the intercession of Mother Maria Rafols, they be men of spirit, men of God, who please Him with their being and doing. LET US PRAY
* We pray for peace in the world. May, as Mother Maria Rafols, always be people willing to make it possible, committed with the victims of violence, with the neediest and most vulnerable people. LET US PRAY
* We pray for those who suffer. May, through the intercession of Mother Maria Rafols, they be accompanied in their concrete situation of pain. We pray in a special way for the refugees and the emigrants, for the people persecuted due to their sex, ideology, creed or social condition. LET US PRAY
* We pray for our Charismatic Family who walks after the celebration of our 31st General Chapter, and in a special way for the Communities that have her name. May, following the example of Mother Maria Rafols, we live the “You did it to Me” of the Lord Jesus and be channel of His Life and His Love. LET US PRAY
* We pray for those whom we serve. May, through the mediation of Mother Maria Rafols, they receive all what they need and be attended “with the greatest care, with full detail, with all love”. LET US PRAY
* We pray for those who are called to Consecrated, Priestly and Missionary Life. May, as the example of Mother Maria Rafols, they answer God’s call with trust and be Good News. LET US PRAY
* May the Lord grant us to see soon acknowledged in the Church the holiness of Mother Maria Rafols. LET US PRAY
* We pray for the Sisters, benefactors, collaborators, relatives and friends that already enjoy God’s Presence and who accompany, in one or another way our congregational journey. LET US PRAY
* We pray for each one of us. May, together with Mother Maria Rafols, we live Universal Charity that welcomes everybody and serves them “as our lords”. LET US PRAY