



Blessed Miriam Teresa

Celebrating the Tenth Anniversary of Her Beatification

October 4, 2024

"In calling us to His service God did not leave us without a certain guide. He marked out for us in our holy rule just what He willed and desired for us..."

-Sister Miriam Teresa Demjanovich, SC

Opening Prayer:

Today we give thanks and praise to our Triune God for the life and witness of Blessed Miriam Teresa. May our hearts be filled with gratitude for her simplicity, her deep faith, and her dedication to the spiritual roots of her Byzantine heritage. In her 26 years of life she constantly professed the true faith glorifying our God and praising the unity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. May we like her, be steadfast in our faith, open to what God envisions for our lives and courageously accept what arises within and around us as we live the Mission of Charity and celebrate the 165 years of our Congregation's heritage. We ask all of this in the spirit of the Risen Christ. Amen.

Reading: Isaiah 61:1-3

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me,
because the Lord has anointed me;

He has sent me to bring glad tidings to
the lowly, to heal the brokenhearted,

To proclaim liberty to the captives and
release to prisoners,

To announce a year of favor from the
Lord and a day of vindication by our God,
to comfort all who mourn;

To place on those who mourn in Zion a
diadem instead of ashes,

To give them oil of gladness in place of
mourning, a glorious mantle instead of a
listless spirit.

They will be called oaks of justice, planted by the Lord to show his glory.



**REFLECTION: Memories of Blessed Miriam Teresa's Beatification
(Glimpses of People's recollections of this awesome day)**

"I was inspired by all the people who came for Sister Miriam Teresa's beatification. The spirit of God was felt throughout the Cathedral showing the faith of the people."

Sister Beverly Bligh, SC

"The beatification mass at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart for Blessed Miriam Teresa was historical on many levels, one being that she was the first beatification to take place in the United States. You could sense this historical significance when we were all gathered in the Cathedral. There was excitement, solemnity and sacredness all converging at the same time. The mass crowd of diverse faithful paid homage to the historic event and importance of who Blessed Miriam Teresa was and how her spirituality still impacts the Church today. I was glad to be a part of this historic event."

Fr. Dominic Ciriaco

"My moment that day was seeking my former classmate, Michael Mencer, from Saint Anastasia in Teaneck. Meeting him in the foyer of the Cathedral and reintroducing myself and his handing me the relic of Blessed Miriam Teresa was an emotional moment of prayer as I held it in my hands. It was an honor to be part of the Mass as a deacon and distributing communion at this most special Mass."

Deacon Kevin Regan

"As the glorious celebration of Blessed Miriam Theresa's beatification came to its conclusion people of all ages and from multiple nationalities came forward to venerate her relic is a treasured memory for me. Archbishop Bernard Hebda came across the sanctuary to make it easier for the congregation to venerate the relic. He brought it to the people outside the altar rail making it available to everyone (no steps had to be accessed). His simplicity was manifested in a gentle, welcoming presence as he presented the relic to anyone who approached him."

Sister Maureen Corcoran, SC

"When I attended the Beatification of Blessed Miriam Teresa, I was amazed and touched by the numbers in attendance – there was standing room only. I know her cause had been promoted for many years but underestimated how many people prayed to her for a cure or a resolution to a problem. It made me proud to be a Sister of Charity."

Sister Jean Ann Trainer, SC

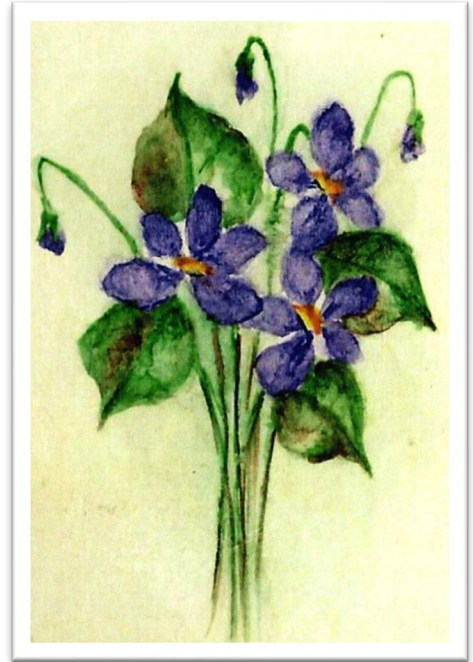
“What impressed me most at the Beatification Ceremony was the presence of the recipient of the miracle, Michael Mencer, through the intercession of Blessed Mariam Theresa.”

Sister Miriam Anne Evanoff, SC

“It is amazing to realize that we are commemorating the Tenth Anniversary of the Beatification of Blessed Miriam Teresa Demjanovich. The memories of that beautiful celebration in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark still linger vividly in my mind.

Almost two thousand people were present for the momentous occasion. The pageantry and music of the first Beatification Liturgy ever held in the United States were fitting to the occasion. Blessed Miriam Teresa bridged the rich traditions of the Byzantine – Ruthenian Rite and the Latin Rite and the presence of so many from both Rites was a true recognition of the Universal Church.

As we continue to pray for the Cause of Canonization of Blessed Miriam Teresa may grace and her example inspire each of us to acknowledge the call to holiness in our everyday actions.”



Sister Cecilia McManus, SC



Personal Reflections:

(Your memory of the beatification and inspiration as we give praise and thanks for her life with us as a Sister of Charity.)

Raise up in your mind and heart what touched you during the Mass of Beatification and share your memories.

As we live into our 165th Anniversary in what ways is Blessed Miriam Teresa calling us forward to live the Mission entrusted to us?

Is there an action you can do to make her message alive in our world?

SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS WITH ONE ANOTHER

Closing Prayer:

Prayer for Canonization

Most Holy and Blessed Trinity, Whom Blessed Miriam Teresa loved so ardently, grant we like her may become ever more conscious of Your Divine Presence within our souls. We implore You to continue to show signs that Your humble servant enjoys glory with You in heaven, and to hasten the day when we may render her a lasting tribute of our veneration and love.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Song of Glory:

O God, Almighty Father

1. O God Almighty Father, Creator of all things, The heavens stand in wonder, While earth your glory sings. **Refrain**
2. O Jesus, Word incarnate, Redeemer most adored, All glory, praise and honor Be yours, O sov'reign Lord. **Refrain**
3. O God, the Holy Spirit, Who lives within our soul, Send forth your light and lead us To our eternal goal. **Refrain**

Refrain:

O most holy Trinity, undivided Unity, Holy God, mighty God, God immortal be adored!

