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Poor Clare Martyrs of France

Marguerite de Rouen, Martyr, 1557. Rouen, France.

Two Poor Clares were martyred by the Calvinists in Rouen, France.

The name of the other sister is not available.

Resources:

MartFran, September 26.

The nuns of the Aurillac Monastery.

All died in prison, during the French Revolution in 1794.

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*Blessed Josephine Leroux,
Martyr +1794. Valenciennes,
France.*

Feast: October 21

Hearing the Call

Anne-Joseph Leroux was born on October 23, 1749. She entered the Urbanist Poor Clares at Valenciennes when she was 22 years old, receiving the name Marie -Josephine. She professed her vows in 1770 at the outbreak of the French Revolution.

Religious were driven from their convents so Josephine returned to her home. Soon after, word was heard that the Austrians had invaded Valenciennes. Josephine tried to return to her enclosure, but the monastery had not yet been rebuilt, so she stayed with the Ursulines where her sister was a member. But the Revolutionary army retook the city and Josephine was placed under arrest as having been disloyal to her country by attempting to return to religious life.

Living the Charism

It is especially in events subsequent to her arrest that we can see the light of Saint Clare shining in her inner peace and loving charity. When the band of soldiers came to arrest her, she made light of the fact, saying to them: "It was hardly necessary to make so much ado to take a weak woman captive!" She proceeded to serve her captors refreshments, then followed them to prison.

Josephine was condemned to death for her fidelity to religious life.

With serenity and resignation she accepted her sentence, and received the Eucharist as her strength for the journey to her Divine Bridegroom. She cheerfully approached the place of execution, singing hymns along the way, and expressed her good fortune at being found worthy to give her life for the Catholic Faith. "Could anyone fear to leave this place of exile when she considers the beauty of paradise?"

At the scaffold, she kissed the hand of her executioner and in a clear voice forgave everyone, then she placed her head on the block. Her blood sister, Mary Scholastic, and four other Ursulines, died a martyr's death with her on October 23, 1794.
Beatified November 3, 1920.

Resources:

Guerin, Louis François. L'Aureole de Sainte Claire: Histoire de la persécution Revolutionnaire souffert par les filles de Sainte Claire.... Aix: Remondet-Aubin, 1867.

*Habig 787-8; Iriarte: 468; MartFran - Oct. 23.

Poor Clare Martyrs of Germany

Dorothea Roler, Martyr +1461 , Nurnberg, Germany.

The most well-known member of a community of martyrs:

Agnes Reser died 1462.

Elizabeth Gebner, died December 21, 1462.

Dorothea von Brunned, died July 28, 1463.

Clara Riederdorfer, died 1464.

Anna Wipfl, died July 28, 1464.

Adelheid and Heidel Hafner, both died September 22, 1464.

Catharina Bollet, died 1489.

Catharina Widmann, died 1490.

Barbara Rod, Abbess in Pfullingen, died 1507.

Margaret Fleischmann, and Christina Reisel, died 1510.

Resources:

SerMart, January 1.

Poor Clare Martyrs of Poland

Fifty-nine Poor Clares slain by Tartars, At Zarwichost, on February 2, 1260 (1259):

Agatha Zawichost, Agnes Jastrzebska, Bertilda di Varsavia, Caterina di Radymno, Chiara di Kracov, Cordola di Slaukowo, Cristina di Woynicz, Dislava di Lowitz, Domicilla di Warta, Brykcia di Chenynicy, Donislava di Moseiska, Donislava di Sandomir, Dorea de Przemyśl, Dorotea di Posnan, Edvige di Zatoria, Elena di Farnow, Elizabetta di Koziwnca, Eva di Potylicz, Felicissima di Grodek, Felicita di Bochnia, Giaromilla di Varsavia, Gioconda di Wieliczka, Giovanna di Zawichost, Giuliana di Czestochowa, Godola di Skala, Marcellina di Miechow, Margherita di Jaroslaw, Margherita di Kalisz, Margarita de Sandomir, Marina di Leopoli, Martina di Oswiecim, Odislava di Warka, Oliveria di Plokoz, Onorata di Zawichost, Onoria di Plock, Orsola di Prosowice, Ottilia di Casimiria, Ottolia di Sandecz, Paola di Sandomir, Petronilla di Ilza, Scolastica di Stradom, Sofia de Opatow, Stanislaa di Opoczno, Sventoca di Melsztyn, Vitoslava di Busko, Vislavia di Clepardia, Vislobona di Wladislaw, Visomira di Rzeszow, Viszomira di Lowitz, Wolislava di Lubino, Zlotoslava di Prosowice.

Resources:

Castigacio Scriptores 328. Lists names of all the Poor Clares martyred at this time.

Del Valle, C., O.F.M. Brillante martirologio de las Clarisas. *Misiones Franc.* 37 (1953): 355-359.



*Blessed Mary Teresa of the Child
Jesus (Mieczysława Kowalska),
O.S.C. Cap. Martyr. 1902-1941, War-
saw, Poland*

Hearing the Call

Teresa entered the Capuchin Poor Clares at Przasnysz on January 23, 1923, partly to make reparation for her atheistic family. She made perpetual vows on July 26, 1928.

Living the Charism

Sister Teresa was a delicate and sickly person, but well-disposed towards all, and most noteworthy for the strength of her dedication to God. She was ill with tuberculosis when the Germans broke into their monastery and took all thirty-six sisters to the concentration camp in Działdowo. Because of hunger, continual terror, and lack of water the sisters became ill, especially Sister Teresa who could hardly stand but sustained her sufferings with great courage. Like St. Clare, who placed herself between the invading army and her sisters, Sister Mary Teresa offered her life so that her sisters could return safely to their convent. Two weeks after she died the sisters were set free, something quite remarkable, because the Germans never released anyone from the concentration camps. The memory of her exemplary life and martyrdom continued after her death. Pope John Paul II proclaimed her blessed on June 13, 1999.

Resources:

Communion and Communication, No. 30, December 1999: 59.

Continenti Missionari Cappuccini 5/6 (1999).

Poor Clare Martyrs of Rome

*Domitilla of Perugia, Martyr , +1460 (1451).
Rome, Italy.*

Resources:

SerMart, February 16; *MartFran*, February 16.

Poor Clare Martyrs of Syria (Acre, Tripoli)

*Seventy-Four Poor Clares were slain by the Mohammed-
ans at Acre, in 1289.*

They disfigured their faces, cutting off their noses to preserve their virginity for their Spouse. All were cruelly slaughtered.

*Sixty-nine Poor Clares slain by the Mohammedans at
Tripoli in 1289.*

Resources:

Del Valle, C., O.F.M. Brillante martirologio de las Clarisas. *Misiones Franc.* 37 (1953): 355-9.

Habig, 1018; Marianus, 160 -163.

Poor Clare Martyrs of Spain





***Blessed María Felicidad Masía
Ferragud, C.S.C. Cap. Martyr.***

Martyred on October 25, 1936, Valencia, Spain, during the Spanish Civil War. Beatified March 11, 2001.

Resources:

<http://newsaints.faithweb.com/martyrs>



***Blessed Isabel Calduch Rovira.
C.S.C. Cap.***

Born on May 9, 1882 in Castellón, Spain. Martyred on April 13, 1937 at Castellón, during the Spanish Civil War. Beatified March 11, 2001 by Pope John Paul II.

Resources:

<https://catholicSaints.Info>



***Blessed María Joaquina Masía
Ferragud (María Veronica)***

Born in 1884. Martyred on October 25, 1936 in Valencia, Spain during the Spanish Civil War. Beatified March 11, 2001.



*Blessed María Vincenta Masía
Ferragud, (María Jesús) O.S.C. Cap.
Martyr.*

Born on January 12, 1882. Martyred on October 25, 1936, Valencia, Spain during the Spanish Civil War. Beatified March 11, 2001.



*Blessed Maria Milagro Ortells
Gimeo, O.S.C. Cap., Martyr.*

Born on November 29, 1882. Martyred November 25, 1936, at Picadero de Paterna, Spain, during the Spanish Civil War. Beatified March, 11, 2001.



*Purificación Asencio Vila
(Encarnacion), O.S.C. Cap. Martyr.*

Born on April 22, 1892, in Albal, Spain. Martyred on October 2, 1936 at Silla, Valencia, Spain during the Spanish Civil War.

Agatha Ametler, Poor Clare Martyr, +1558.

Ciudadela, Minorca.

Martyred by Turkish pirates in 1558.

Concepción Guevara Zarzuela (Maria Josefa of the Blessed Sacrament) O.S.C. Cap. Martyr.

Born in 1884, at Cádiz, Spain. Martyred on November 19, 1936 in Málaga, Spain during the Spanish Civil War.

Elisa López Lobelle (Carmen of the Child Jesus) O.S.C. Cap. Martyr.

Born April 8, 1908. Martyred on September 24, 1936 at Málaga, Spain during the Spanish Civil War.

Filipa Fernández de Gamboa y Ruiz de Azúa (Asuncion of St. Anthony) Martyr.

Born in 1888 at Alava, Spain. Martyred on August 14, 1936 during the Spanish Civil War.

Francesca Peneli Ferreres (Trinidad) O.S.C. Cap. Martyr.

Born on February 22, 1886 at Albal.

Martyred on October 2, 1936 in Albal,

Valencia, Spain, during the Spanish Civil War.

SCG Francesca de S. Antonio, + 1598. Jaén, Spain. Martyr.

Together with her sister, *Maria di S. Francesca*, they were doubly sisters: both by blood and by faith .

MartFran, April 8.

***Inés Sota Garayoa, O.S.C. Cap (Inés of St. Paschal)
Martyr.***

Born in 1898 at Navarra, Spain. Martyred on October 2, 1936 during the Spanish Civil War.

***Josefa Belarra Otamendi (Josef of Saint Paschal.)
Martyr.***

Born 1892 at Barindano, Navarra, Spain. Martyred on October 2, 1936 during the Spanish Civil War.

Manuela Molís López (Maria of Peace) O.S.C.Cap.

Martyr. Born 1857. Martyred on August 19, 1936 in Madrid, Spain during the Spanish Civil War.

***María Antonia Pascual Castán (Antonia of Saint
Raphael) O.S.C.Cap. Martyr.***

Born in 1879 at Calasanz, Spain. Martyred on October 2, 1936 at Huesca, Spain during the Spanish Civil War.

***María de la Concepción Sanchez Marqués (Teresa of
Jesus) O.S.C.Cap. Martyr.***

Martyred at Valencia, Spain on November 25, 1936, during the Spanish Civil War.



***María Concepción Vila Hernández,
O.S.C. Cap. Martyr.***

Born on August, 8, 1880 at Albal. Martyred on September 8, 1936, at Silla, Valencia, Spain, during the Spanish Civil War.



*Vincenta Asencio Vila -(Refugio)
O.S.C. Cap. Martyr.*

Born on January 21, 1876 at Albal,
Valencia. Martyred on October 2, 1936 in
Albal, Spain, during the Spanish Civil
War.

Poor Clare Martyrs: Country not known.

Agatha Marella, Virgin & Martyr

Year or place of Martyrdom is not available.

Resources:

MartFran, May 6.

Giovanna "Piccola",

Year or place of martyrdom is not available.

Resources:

MartFran, September 26.

Anonymous Martyr, +1563, Borgogna.

The memory of a certain nun who fell into the hands of
the heretics and sustained many torments in order to pre-
serve her chastity and faith intact.