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WEEK OF PRAYER

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NEW FOUNDATIONS

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On May 21, 2018, Pope Francis signed the Proclamation of Virtues with which the Catholic Church granted the title of Venerable to Angela Maria Autsch.

Maria Cäcilia Autsch was born in 1900 in a small village in the mountains of Westphalia, Germany, she was the fifth of seven children. Maria Cäcilia was raised in the Catholic faith, with a special devotion to the Virgin Mary and the Eucharist. In 1933 she began her postulancy in Mötz, in the Austrian Tyrol, in a community of Trinitarian religious, that reported to the mother-house in Valencia, Spain. A plaque in Mötz commemorates her time there. She took the name of Sister Angela Maria of the Heart of Jesus.



In 1940 she was detained by the Nazi police "for a comment she made while making a purchase for her convent in which she manifested that Hitler is a scourge for Europe", as recorded in the documentation relating to the case. From jail she was taken to a concentration camp, Ravensbrück, and two years later to Auschwitz and Birkenau. She worked in the concentration camp infirmary. Sister Angela wrote in her letters that it was the love of God and the love of others that gave her strength. Risking her life she hid women to keep them from being

sent to their death in the gas chamber and took food and water to the inmates, which was strictly prohibited by the Nazis. Because she was among the sick, she contracted typhoid and suffered terrible fevers, she also suffered from heart problems, but she did not care. Her life ended in 1944 in the concentration camp, while helping the sick to take refuge during a bombing raid.

TRINITARIAN SISTERS OF VALANCE

When we look at the world and the complexity of the situations we are facing, we know that the captives of today are the persecuted Christians. Our Congregation works in a spirit of communion with the whole Trinitarian family in collaboration with the Trinitarian fathers.

Our activity is developed in THREE phases:

SENSITIZATION: In the different African regions where our congregation is present.

SPIRITUAL ACTIVITIES. The older sisters pray especially for this intention. Our prayers on the 23rd of each month are dedicated to persecuted Christians.

FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES. Production and sale of Christmas cards, and other activities.



NEW FOUNDATIONS TO SUPPORT PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

VIETNAM

In May of this year, the Trinitarian Province of Italy established a religious community in Vietnam. Vietnam has been rated as being in 17th place for countries where there is persecution of Christians. For this reason, the Trinitarian Province of Italy was moved to open a religious community that deals with, and works for persecuted Christians in Vietnam. Their mission will be difficult, but the presence of SIT General and the prayers of the entire Trinitarian Family will be critical in supporting this new service.

MOROCCO

Since August 15, Al Hoceima, Morocco, has a new Trinitarian presence. The Trinitarians of Spain-South, have been wanting to help and collaborate with the religious communities in that area, as well as to carry out projects with Christians who come from countries such as Nigeria, Ethiopia or Eritrea who are waiting to be able to move into Spanish territory. These have suffered the violence of the Moroccan police and, being in that country illegally, they cannot denounce the tortures nor the abuses and violations they suffer.

PHILIPPINES

Also, the Trinitarian Province of the United States has returned to open a Trinitarian community in the Philippines. The Trinitarians had a presence there several centuries ago. Now that the persecution of Christians in this country has escalated (we should not forget the killing in Marawi on May 23, where the Daesh murdered 15 Christians) the Trinitarian Province from the United States wants to be close to those who suffer persecution for their faith in Christ..



The Trinitarian charism is more alive and present than ever. To keep this flame alive, we need the help of all those who feel close to this charism as they are part of the legacy that St. John de Matha left in the Church. Good-hearted people who do not forget those who, because of their fidelity to Christ, suffer persecution.



EVENTS

➔ OCTOBER 17-23:

A WEEK OF PRAYER FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

➔ NOVEMBER 4: MEMORIAL OF St Felix of Valois

➔ DECEMBER 17: Solemnity of St John de Matha, Holy Founder of our Order, poet of religious freedom in the XIII century.

DEVOTIONAL MATERIALS.

SIT has developed material for a Prayer Vigil for Persecuted Christians.

The Rosary for Persecuted Christians can also be prayed.

Puedes descargar estos materiales en la web:

www.SIT-GENERAL.COM



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THOSE WHO ARE PERSECUTED FOR BE-
LIEVING IN CHRIST.



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ORGANIZATIONS THAT MONITOR RELI-
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HIS FAITH IN CHRIST.

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Trinitarian Solidarity International (S.I.T.) was created out of a desire of the Trinitarian Order to shape the response in support of persecuted Christians by the Trinitarian family and people everywhere who are sensitized to these attacks on religious freedom..
