

# Guard of Honor

## NOVEMBER 2023 Newsletter

Dear Honor Guard friends,

Tomorrow, Friday the 27th, Pope Francis calls for a day of fasting and prayer for Peace in the world where so many conflicts (mediatized or ignored) are taking place. Many victims, cut down in an instant, were certainly not prepared to appear before their Creator. The month of November, dedicated to the deceased, reminds us of the transience of our life and invites us to think more about Eternity. This is what our founder is offering us this month.

### Departed souls

With what impatience the souls still waiting for Heaven await our prayers! This devotion is intimately linked to devotion to the Sacred Heart. Saint Margaret Mary practiced it to a heroic degree. She understood that one of the sweetest consolations to offer to the Heart of Our Lord was to return to Him the souls that His Justice did not allow Him to deliver. If she had masses celebrated for "her good suffering friends" as she called them, she also prayed and sacrificed a lot for them. To the extent of our strength, we will imitate his model by not losing any opportunity of merit for the souls in purgatory.

All the small sacrifices, acts of charity, prayers or masses that we will make for the salvation of the souls of our loved ones, but also for all the guards of honor who have preceded us, are so many treasures that will be reserved for us one day by them. . Did not the Lord say: "In the same measure that you use for others, they will use you." » (Mt 7,2) For us who are guards of honor, we will hasten to collect the very precious Blood and water coming from the Wound of the divine Heart to spread them like a refreshing wave on these souls in order to hasten their eternal happiness. (According to Sr. Marie of the Sacred Heart Bernaud, book Holy Year of the Guards of Honor)

Furthermore, in the same vein as Pope Francis' appeal, to come to the aid of Armenia, about which we talk little but which is experiencing a real human tragedy, an evening debate is organized for the inhabitants of Paray le Monial and surroundings, on Wednesday November 8 at 8:30 p.m. at the shelter of the pilgrims of Paray le Monial (sanctuary) to come to the aid of Armenia. This evening will be hosted by Haruk Yekmalyan, internationally renowned sculptor, based in France in Allier for around ten years. He will present the catastrophic situation in Armenia, as well as the "Tornik" association created by 3 young Armenians (including his daughter) who come to the aid of elderly people isolated from everything.

**\* We can benefit from the plenary indulgence by confessing (8 days before or after the date), by receiving communion on the feast day and by praying for the intentions of the Holy Father (+ an I believe in God, an Our Father, a Hail Mary) and/or any other prayer that springs from our heart! The Indulgence: it is a remission before God of the temporal penalty due for sins, already erased as to the fault, that the faithful, well disposed (and under certain specific conditions) receives for himself or for deceased souls (never a living one). "(Code of Canon Law of 1983, canon 992) Plenary indulgences totally free one from the temporal punishment due for sins. (canon 993).**

### Main holidays of the month: November

- 1: All Saints Day
- 2: Commemoration of the Dead
- 3: 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
- 9: Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
- 18: Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul

21. Presentation of the Virgin Mary in the Temple
22. Solemnity of Christ the King (\*Plenary Indulgence)
25. St. Catherine of Alexandria
26. Solemnity of Christ the King (\*Plenary Indulgence)
27. Feast of the Miraculous Medal
28. St. Catherine Labouré
30. St. Andrew, the Apostle

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