

NOVENA OF ROSARIES

# *Our Lady of Trust*



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O Immaculate Heart of Mary, true model of every holiness, give trust to become saints!

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## WISDOM FROM THE FOUNDER, SERVANT OF GOD, GUGLIELMO GIAQUINTA



### **Why do Pro Sanctity Members turn to Our Lady of Trust?**

*“She is the model for her trust in God: ‘Ecce, Behold, Fiat, Be it done to me,’ are signs of her abandonment to the Lord and therefore of her trust...But I want to make you note another aspect: the trust that God has been able to have in Mary. God has been able to count on her. Our Lady then appears to us as someone on whom*

*God had been able to depend, in whom He has placed His trust. I make this point to go on with its application to us: let us ask ourselves if God can count on us and trust us. He trusted the Madonna because she lived in a way so that He could.” (Giaquinta, Feast of Our Lady of Trust Letter, 1977)*

### **What is the degree of trust that the Father, the Spirit, the Son can have in us? What is the degree of trust the Church has, the world, the Institute, in each of us?**

*“From these simple considerations, the application to us is oblivious: these are questions undoubtedly strong and demanding that, in general, we usually answer out of our poverty—certainly a fascinating theme, but also gives also the possibility of escaping the reality of the problems: we are poor, we are miserable, we are creatures not yet finished, we are in the time of ‘not yet,’ and the Lord is merciful...All is very true theologically; however, the reality of an unfulfilled duty remains: the fact that God cannot count on us. Therefore, the problem of trust becomes a problem of great responsibility. Our Lady of Trust then appears to us under the other aspect, as a Mother who helps us carry out our responsibility so that the Lord can trust us.” (Giaquinta, Feast of Our Lady of Trust Letter, 1977)*

### **How should Pro Sanctity members pray the Rosary?**

*“The Rosary accurately presents some aspects of the life of Jesus, both in his Physical and Mystical Body. At the same time, the content of the mysteries that we are familiar with is only indicative and not exhaustive, and therefore, other aspects of the life of Jesus could be incorporated into the same mysteries.” (Giaquinta, Our Life as Apostolic Oblates)*

### **How can we ask Mary to pray for us?**

*“Therefore, it is good to pause on each of the mysteries and meditate on them, for they form the essence of the Rosary, but at the same time, we must realize that the repetition of the Hail Mary provides a special*

form of prayer of petition. You know that the prayer of petition through which we ask. With the Rosary, we turn to Mary and plead: 'Pray for us. Pray for us. You, Mary, pray for us, for we do not know how to pray.' Do you think that after we repeated this plea one hundred times, 'Pray for us', Mary will refuse to listen to us? Isn't this form of petition what Jesus suggested: 'Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened to you' (Mt. 7:7). Ultimately, we must learn to blend the two elements of the Rosary, contemplation and petition, and learn to gaze upon the mysteries with the eyes of Mary, and imitate what they suggest, as Mary did." (Giaquinta, *Our Life as Apostolic Oblates*)

### **How does Mary teach us how to pray?**

"The Rosary is the contemplation of the mysteries of Jesus, seen through the eyes of Mary, and therefore it must be prayed with a peaceful and gentle spirit, as a simple and loving prayer. While we recite the prayer: 'Hail, Mary, full of grace...', we gaze upon the scene represented in the mystery, with affection, simplicity, and gentleness, and in a child-like manner, while presenting our petitions to Mary." "Another method would be to converse with Mary by presenting all our concerns to her. When a soul has a concern, is in pain or in sorrow, or feels misunderstood or disappointed, what else can she think of during the Rosary? Most likely, her prayer will be: 'Mary, do you know what...?' And while praying the Hail Mary, she turns with full confidence to the Madonna and has an open conversation with her. This can be a good method to pray the Rosary— a Rosary prayed according to existential needs. Ultimately, in my opinion, the best method in this matter is the contemplation of the mysteries, looked upon with the eyes of Mary; to contemplate the mystery with the attitude of a child resting by his mother, and with her recall and share the meaning of the mystery." (Giaquinta, *Our Life as Apostolic Oblates*)



## THE HISTORY OF OUR LADY OF TRUST

Devotion to the image of Our Lady of Trust originated in Todi, a small town in Umbria, Italy. Venerable Sr. Clair Isabella Fornari (1697-1744) was the abbess of the Poor Clare Monastery of St. Francis in Todi, and her reputation for holiness was renowned. She cultivated a profound relationship with Our Lady, and many mystical experiences are associated with her life.



Ven. Clair Isabella Fornari

Sr. Clair came to own the original image of what we know now as Our Lady of Trust. The original image was painted on a small oval piece of metal. The artist of the image is unverified but may have been a religious sister from the monastery. The religious community honored the image of Our Lady under the title "Refuge of Sinners." In the image, the Christ Child clung to his Mother with his right arm and pointed to Mary with his left index finger.



Regarding the image of Our Lady, Sr. Clair wrote,

*"The divine Lady has deigned to grant me that every soul that will present itself with trust to this Image will experience true contrition for its sins with true sorrow and repentance and will obtain from her most divine Son a general pardon for all sins. Furthermore, this my Divine Lady, with the love of a true mother, has been pleased to assure me that every soul that will gaze upon this Image of hers will grant Him a particular tenderness and devotion toward Her."*

Sr. Clair sent the image of Our Lady to the sick and encouraged them to pray for Our Lady's intercession. As devotion increased, copies of the image of Our Lady and the Christ Child were reproduced and circulated throughout Italy.

Upon learning of the grave illness of her spiritual director's nephew, Fr. Crivelli, Sr. Clair sent the original image to him, and he recovered immediately. Fr. Crivelli was a Jesuit and served as a spiritual director at the Jesuit Roman College. Overcome with gratitude, Fr. Crivelli requested a copy of the image to take to the seminary's chapel. The image was erected in the Jesuit's Chapel of St. Louis at the Roman College, and the seminarians soon made Our Lady their patroness.

In 1773, the Jesuit Roman College experienced major changes when the Jesuit order was temporarily suppressed. The Roman College moved from its original location, and the Diocese of Rome assumed responsibility for running it, making



IMMAGINE DI MARIA SS. DELLA FIDUCIA  
CHE SE VENERA NEL PONT. SEM. ROMANO

it the Roman Major Seminary. Through it all, devotion to the image of Our Lady remained strong among the seminarians, who established a place of honor for her in a small chapel for theology students.

In 1837, the Asiatic cholera pandemic affected parts of Europe, including Rome, where the seminarians lived. The Major Seminary turned to their patroness, and praying before the image of Our Lady, begged her for protection. Not one of them contracted the disease, and in gratitude, they fashioned gold-plated bejeweled crowns for Our Lady and the Christ Child. Cardinal Carlo Odescalchi, vicar General of Pope Gregory XVI, inaugurated the enhanced image with the crowns and jewels in 1838. They also offered a votive lamp that perpetually burns before the image even today.

In 1913, the Roman Major Seminary relocated to the property of St. John Lateran in Rome, and the image was reserved above the altar in the students' chapel. Shortly after, World War I broke out in Europe. In 1917, Italy entered the war and 111 seminarians were drafted. Using the prayer attributed to Pope Benedict XV in 1917, "My Mother, My Confidence," Monsignor Spolverini, the rector of the Major Seminary, and the seminarians invoked Our Lady of Confidence's protection for all the seminarians at the front. Only one seminarian died on the eve of the last day of the war. Recognizing that God's ways are not our ways, the seminarians surrendered to His mysterious will and gave thanks for the safe return of the 110 seminarians. They further honored Our Lady of Confidence by framing the image with a golden halo, embellishing it above the altar. Consequently, the seminary continues to thank and honor Our Lady of Confidence as their patroness each year.



Among those present after the war who offered gratitude to Our Lady was the future Pope John XXIII (Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli). In 1901, as a young seminarian, he encountered Our Lady of Confidence at the Roman Major Seminary and cultivated a particular devotion to her. He had her image



printed on his commemoration card for his ordination as subdeacon. During World War I, he served as a chaplain and medic. He gratefully returned to seminary work after the war until he was called to other offices of service in the Church and eventually elected pope in 1958. Pope John XXIII kept an image of Our Lady of Confidence on his desk and encouraged others to rest in her gaze.

*“It is enough to look at Her to find the permanence of peace in the heart, the serenity of the spirit, the clarity of things, and the prompt arrest of whatever, in the heart of every man, there may be of temperament or impulse, which if sometimes helps to readiness and perfection, at other times can push, unconsciously, beyond the practice of the four cardinal virtues: prudence, justice, fortitude, and temperance.”*

In 1964, Pope Paul VI celebrated the feast of Our Lady of Trust at the Pontifical Major Seminary in Rome and encouraged devotion to Our Lady.

*“We want to believe that this filial and personal confidence with Mary, this brief and warm and ever reborn dialogue with the Madonna, this way of introducing her memory, her thought, her image, her deep and maternal gaze into the cell of personal religion, of the intimate and secret piety of the spirit, is habitual to you. This feast of yours says so. And blessed are you. Because, as you well know, devotion to the most holy Mary, brought to this degree of interiority, possesses marvelous virtues: that of certainly obtaining the protection of the Madonna, the profusion of her graces and her assistance; and then that of a firm and easy fidelity to every duty that bears the seal of the will of God and the imitation of Christ...You will have the sweet experience of it, dearest children, if you give your whole heart to your vocation, and if to the need, which has thereby grown and sharpened, of some sublime tenderness, of some total abandonment, of some indulgent pardon, of some invincible hope, you give not scant, not vain support with the intimate, affectionate, filial priestly devotion to the most holy Mary: My Mother, My Confidence!”*



Shortly before the closing of the Second Vatican Council, Pope Paul VI inaugurated a new chapel in the Roman Major Seminary where Our Lady of Confidence was prominently honored above the main altar.

During his pontificate, Pope John Paul II often visited the Roman Major Seminary on the feast day of Our Lady of Trust, celebrated annually on the Saturday before Ash Wednesday. In 1979, he drew their attention to Mary as *“an inexhaustible source of trust because she is our Mother.”* In 1982, Pope John Paul II invited the seminarians to find confidence under Our Lady’s gaze so they could respond as she did to their vocational call. In 1982, Pope John Paul II encouraged the seminarians to entrust themselves to Our Lady and know she understands their difficulties and fears. Finally, in 2005, shortly before he died, Pope John Paul II reminded the seminarians of the great history of Our Lady as the patroness of their seminary.

*“How meaningful Jesus’ gesture is in the icon of Our Lady of Trust that you venerate at your Seminary! Pointing to his Mother, the Child seems to anticipate silently what, at the end of his life, he was to say to his disciple John from the Cross: ‘Behold, your mother!’ (Jn 19: 27). I would like to repeat to you today: here is your Mother, to love and to imitate with full trust, so that you may become priests who can speak the crucial words of faith, not only once but always: ‘Here I am,’ ‘Fiat.’ ‘Mater mea, fiducia mea!’ May this short prayer sum up in depth and simplicity your days, spent contemplating Christ with Mary.”*



During his pontificate, Pope Benedict XVI found great joy in continuing the tradition of visiting the Roman Major Seminary on the feast day of Our Lady

POPE BENEDICT XVI VISTING SEMINARY ON THE FEAST DAY OF OUR LADY OF CONFIDENCE

of Trust. At his first visit in 2006, he gave noted two petitions to entrust to Our Lady: *“the trust of the Seminarians who, with her help, set out on their journey in response to Christ who has called them, and the trust of the Church of Rome, especially that of her Bishop, which invokes the*



*protection of Mary, the Mother of every vocation, upon this nursery-garden of priests."*

In 2008, Pope Benedict XVI encouraged the seminarians to remain under her loving gaze, "In the icon of Our Lady of Trust, in which the Child points to the Mother, it seems that Jesus is adding, 'Look at your Mother and do not fear.'" In 2009, Pope Benedict XVI said, "Our Lady gives us this trust, takes us by the hand, guides us, helps us along the path of becoming united to the will of God as she has been from her first moment, having expressed this union in her 'Fiat'."

Pope Francis is also greatly devoted to the Virgin Mary under many devotional titles. Most notably, Pope Francis honors Our Lady under the title "*Salus Populi Romani*" (Protectress of the Roman People). This is an ancient icon reserved at the Papal Basilica St. Mary Major in Rome. However, Pope Francis has also encountered the image of Our Lady of Confidence and values her intercession. In 2020, Pope Francis established a homeless shelter in Rome, and Vatican staff gifted the shelter with a framed image of Our Lady of Confidence for the shelter's chapel. In 2024, the Vatican initiated a free dental clinic for the homeless under the patronage of "Our Lady of Trust Clinic."

Amid this Church history, Pro Sanctity members enter the story with our founder, Servant of God, Guglielmo Giaquinta. Our founder entered the Roman Major Seminary in 1933, where he, too, encountered Our Lady of Confidence above the altar in the seminary's chapel. After his ordination, he continued to cultivate a devotion to Our Lady and seek her intercession for those in his pastoral care who he desired to lead into the depths of holiness. As Fr. Giaquinta discerned the charism and particular mission of the Pro Sanctity Movement and its supporting Institutes, including the Secular Institutes of the Apostolic Oblates and the Apostolic Sodales, he recalled the tender care of Our Lady of Confidence. Fr. Giaquinta understood that great trust was needed to overcome discouragement and the limitations of those who aspire to holiness. As noted in *The Program for Spiritual Life*, Giaquinta instructed the Apostolic Oblates, "To invoke the Blessed Virgin with confidence is to admit our helplessness and to become



*rooted in holy humility.”*

On August 10, 1951, Fr. Giaquinta taught the Apostolic Oblates and Pro Sanctity members the short prayer “*O Immaculate Heart of Mary, true model of every holiness, give trust to become saints!*” He encouraged them to pray this at the conclusion of their prayers and between the mysteries of the Rosary. He also had an artist simplify the seminary’s image of Our Lady of Confidence by removing the crowns and highlighting the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The artist also adjusted the Christ Child in Mary’s arms to point to her heart burning with love for God and for all of her children. On February 18, 1952, Fr. Giaquinta established that all Pro Sanctity Members celebrate the annual feast of Our Lady of Trust of the Immaculate Heart on the Sunday before Ash Wednesday.



Bishop Giaquinta entrusted the work of prompting the universal call to holiness and cultivating the interior life into the care of Our Lady of Trust. In *The Program for Spiritual Life*, he states: “*On this foundation of Mary’s love and powerful intercession for us, we base the confidence we need not only for our own sanctification but also for our programs of holiness and apostolate for others. Moreover, the devotion to our Mother of Trust must be regarded as the remedy for discouragement, sadness, and depression - factors that may easily happen in spiritual life. We shall call these states of heart the poison of spiritual life, for they undermine its very essence. We may confidently turn to Mary for the help we need to overcome these attitudes, for Mary will supply the strength we lack and the courage we need for the journey - she will be our dear Mother and companion.*”

Bishop Giaquinta desired that the members of Pro Sanctity confidently entrust themselves to Our Lady of Trust’s protection. He asked that the image of Our Lady of Trust be displayed in our chapels and centers. Finally, he assured all the members, “*Our Blessed Mother of Trust will accompany us. By her immaculate hands, we place our promise before You, confident that she, with her smile, will watch over us from her place on the altar, giving us joy in the suffering and certainty that we have not gone away from Your and our Bethany.*”

Let us continue to ask Our Lady of Trust for her guidance and confidence in God’s infinite love.

## HOW WE CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF TRUST

- Place the image of Our Lady of Trust in a prominent place of honor in the home
- Pray the Novena in preparation of Our Lady of Trust's feast day and entrust your intention to her
- Pray the prayer to Our Lady of Trust
- Spread devotion to Our Lady of Trust by telling people about it and giving away the image
- Pray the Rosary
- Gather with other Pro Sanctity Members on the feast day, the Sunday before Ash Wednesday each year
- Ask our Lady to help you grow in holiness in your daily life
- Notice the graces you receive throughout the novena and share with others



○ Immaculate Heart of Mary,  
true model of every holiness,  
give trust to become saints!

## PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF TRUST

+Guglielmo Giaquinta

Drawn by the need of your help  
in the many trials that engulf us in this life,  
we come to your feet, O Virgin of Trust,  
to pour out to the heart of a mother  
our wishes and failings.



Although it is our duty to strive for perfection,  
it is also true that our mortal body  
makes the path difficult,  
and the enemies of our soul  
cease not from their attacks,  
while everywhere we are enticed to leave  
the difficult and straight way known by only a few travelers.

And all the while, our suffering along the way,  
our own interior weakness and temptations  
press heavily to torment us and produce in our souls  
a feeling of faintness and sadness,  
which means only one thing: distrust,  
in ourselves, in our ideal, in the means to attain it.

But your motherly look which follows us,  
and your Immaculate Heart,  
which your Son points out to us,  
open our souls to a new feeling:  
the assurance of your help.

And we want it, O Mary.  
We ask it of you, we beg for it, O loving Mother.

When sin entices us, stay with us and be our strength.  
When mediocrity absorbs us, do not leave us.  
When the ascent to the perfection of the Father leaves us weary,  
whisper a word of help, O Mary: trust!

If we will listen to this word of yours,  
the way will be easier, the goal closer,  
and our confidence more certain that we shall reach sanctity.  
So repeat this word often: trust.  
Repeat it to us and to everybody, O Mary,  
because all people must become saints. Amen.

# NOVENA DAY 1

## *Meditations on Hope from the Catechism of the Catholic Church*

*Arranged by Jackie Sempek, Cooperative (Pro Sanctity Midwest)*

### **FIRST SORROWFUL MYSTERY: THE AGONY IN THE GARDEN**

*Hope does not disappoint (CCC 1820).*

Pray with Romans 5:4-11 as you place yourself in the scene with Jesus. Will you see the droplets of blood form on his brow as he falls on his face and prays, "If it is possible, Father, let this cup pass, yet not as I will but as you will"?

"...we even boast of our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance, proven character, and proven character, hope and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. God proved his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us."

### **SECOND SORROWFUL MYSTERY: THE SCOURGING AT THE PILLAR**

*Hope is the steadfast anchor of the soul (CCC 1820).*

Pray with Hebrews 6:19-20 as you place yourself in the scene with Jesus. Will you see His arm anchored to the pillar with a chain as pools of his blood begin to form on the ground?

"...we who have taken refuge might be strongly encouraged to hold fast to the hope that lies before us. This we have as an anchor of the soul, sure and firm which reaches into the interior behind the veil, where Jesus has entered on our behalf as forerunner..."

### **THIRD SORROWFUL MYSTERY: JESUS IS CROWNED WITH THORNS**

*Hope is a weapon that protects us in the struggle of salvation (CCC 1820).*

Pray with 1 Thessalonians 5:8-11 as you place yourself in the scene with Jesus, Our King. Will you see His forehead pierced with thorns as His precious blood runs down his Holy Face?

"But since we are of the day, let us be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love and the helmet that is hope for salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live together with him. Encourage one another and build one another up..."

### **FOURTH SORROWFUL MYSTERY: JESUS CARRIES HIS CROSS**

*Hope is expressed and nourished in prayer (CCC 1820).*

Pray with Romans 12:12-21 as you place yourself in the scene with Jesus. Will you allow yourself to meet his eyes as you are pressed into service?

"Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the holy ones, exercise hospitality. Bless those who persecute you, bless and do not curse them...do not be conquered by evil but conquer evil with good."

### **FIFTH SORROWFUL MYSTERY: THE CRUCIFIXION OF JESUS, OUR LORD**

*Hope sustains us in times of abandonment (CCC 1818).*

Pray with Matthew 10:39-42 as you place yourself in the scene with Jesus. Will you hear him say, "I thirst?"

"Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. Whoever receives you receives me, and who-ever receives me receives the one who sent me..."

**Close with Prayer to Our Lady of Trust, pg. 12**

**Notice the graces you receive today and how Our Lady is with you.**

## NOVENA DAY 2

### *Our Call to Holiness: A Journey of Trust and Hope*

*By Mary Hildman, External Apostolic Oblate (Pro Sanctity Midwest)*

#### **FIRST MYSTERY: THE ANNUNCIATION**

When Mary was called to be the Mother of God, she responded with complete trust and her “Yes” brought Jesus and His redemption love to the whole world.

*We beg of you, Mary, Mother of Trust, to lead us in a holy trust to respond to our call to holiness. May our vocation in life and the moment to moment call to love in the midst of the world bring hope to a people longing for a better world.*

#### **SECOND MYSTERY: THE VISITATION**

Upon hearing from the angel Gabriel that Elizabeth, who was called barren, had conceived a son in her old age, Mary went in haste to visit her. *Mary, you responded with love to Elizabeth’s time of need. Amid our busy world, awaken in our hearts a response of holy love to those in need of authentic hope.*

#### **THIRD MYSTERY: THE BIRTH OF JESUS**

“Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.” (Lk. 1:14)

*Mary, you recognized the glory of God at the birth of your Son Jesus and welcomed all who came to see His glory so that they might experience true hope. Help each of us to see His glory in our personal call to holiness and find hope in things not of this world.*

#### **FOURTH MYSTERY: THE PRESENTATION OF JESUS IN THE TEMPLE**

“And you yourself a sword will pierce so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.” (Lk. 2:35)

*Mary, in bearing the seven sorrows in your heart, you opened the door for us to receive your Son’s redemptive love. Please, Mary, help us to trust in Him in our joys and sorrows, as you did, so we will have the courage to respond to our call to holiness.*

#### **FIFTH MYSTERY: THE FINDING OF JESUS IN THE TEMPLE**

“And he said to them, ‘Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?’ But they did not understand what he said to them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart.” (Lk. 2:49-51)

*“Mary, our mother of Trust, watch over us in our distrust, that in listening to your word, ‘Trust’, we will each grow to the perfection in our distinct call to holiness.” (Giacinta)*

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## NOVENA DAY 3

### *Glorious Mysteries of Trust*

By Cathy McDonnell, External Apostolic Oblate (Pro Sanctity West)

#### **THE FIRST GLORIOUS MYSTERY: THE RESURRECTION**

“As the Church journeys through time, the reference to Christ’s Resurrection help to remind us of the pilgrim and eschatological character of the People of God. Sunday after Sunday, the Church moves towards the final ‘Lord’s Day’, that Sunday which knows no end.” (St. John Paul II, *Dies Domini*)  
*Mary, Our Lady of Trust, pray for us to desire to keep holy the Lord’s Day.*

#### **THE SECOND GLORIOUS MYSTERY: THE ASCENSION**

“When Luke the Evangelist describes the Lord’s Ascension to the disciples who were ‘persevering with one mind’ in prayer, he specifically says: ‘with Mary the Mother of Jesus’ (Acts 1:14). She, the Mother of the Lord, the Mother of all the faithful,...wants to be with us so that we can ever again be sent in the Holy Spirit into this world and to the people with their troubles.” (St. John Paul II, Homily, 1980)  
*Mary, Our Lady of Trust, remain with us on this pilgrimage so that we may bring true hope to our fellow sojourners.*

#### **THE THIRD GLORIOUS MYSTERY: THE DESCENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

“For Mary, the future was an adventure in the Spirit. She generally knew what was going on, but not in detail, yet she accepted everything. We too, must be open to the work of the Holy Spirit, ready to accept the risk, the pain, as well as the JOY...” (Giaquinta, *Pro Sanctity Inspirations on Mary*)  
*Our Lady of Trust, we implore you to accompany us, to accept our limitations, and move forward with confidence and hope, knowing you are interceding on our behalf.*

#### **THE FOURTH GLORIOUS MYSTERY: THE ASSUMPTION**

“We need our Mother because we are helpless; we need to turn to her confidently as to the one who can supply strength against our helplessness...Of this grace, we are not merely hopeful, but certain, because we know that Mary has a greater maternal love for us.” (Giaquinta, *Program Of Spiritual Life*)  
*Mary, Our Lady of Trust, remain with us on this pilgrimage of hope that we may be a living hope for others.*

#### **THE FIFTH GLORIOUS MYSTERY: THE CORONATION**

“Mary is not only the Mother of Christ but also the Mother of the Church and, therefore our Mother. In our needs, we always have recourse to her. She helps us on our journey toward the great goal that is perfection and holiness.” (Giaquinta, *The Cenacle*)  
*Mary, Our Lady of Trust, we trust in you to guide us on the road to holiness until we meet you in our heavenly home.*

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## NOVENA DAY 4

### *Joyful Mysteries of Trust*

*By Teresa Pauls, External Apostolic Oblate (Pro Sanctity Midwest)*

#### **FIRST MYSTERY: THE ANNUNCIATION** (*Fruit of the Mystery: Humility*)

The new creation begins with Mary's immaculate conception. This unique privilege for Mary initiates a time of abundant grace that is bestowed in Christ upon all believers. Yet, Mary lives this privilege with humility. Humility is the fruit of sacrifice and servitude. Mary lived as a simple handmaid of the Lord and remained faithful to God, drawing strength from Him. *Let us ask the Lord for the grace to grow in the virtue of humility.*

#### **SECOND MYSTERY: THE VISTATION** (*Fruit of the Mystery: Love of Neighbor*)

Loving has two aspects: loving God and our neighbor as ourselves, the more challenging virtue. Jesus told St Catherine of Siena: "I ask you to love me with the same love with which I love you. But you cannot do this, for I loved you without being loved. Whatever love you have for me, you owe me, so you love me not gratuitously but out of duty, while I love not out of duty but gratuitously. This is why I have put you among your neighbors: so that you can do for them what you cannot do for me—that is, love them without concern for thanks and without looking for profit." (*The Dialogue of St. Catherine of Siena*) *Let us ask Mary for the grace to love our neighbor as ourselves.*

#### **THIRD MYSTERY: THE NATIVITY** (*Fruit of the Mystery: Poverty*)

Behold Mary, God's most perfect disciple, who indeed imitated His example of poverty. She preferred to remain poor throughout her life and gave alms to the temple and the poor. *Let us ask Mary to help us let go of worldly treasures and focus only on the things of Heaven.*

#### **FOURTH MYSTERY: THE PRESENTATION** (*Fruit of the Mystery: Obedience*)

Although Mary needed no purification from sin, she fulfilled the observance for purification according to the Mosaic law. St. Thomas Aquinas observed that Christ submitted to the law by undergoing circumcision to give a model of obedience and humility, and He desired that His mother also give that witness of obedience. (St. Thomas III, q. 37) *Let us ask Mary for the virtue of obedience.*

#### **FIFTH MYSTERY: FINDING IN THE TEMPLE** (*Fruit of the Mystery: Piety*)

Mary had to practice surrendering to Divine Providence throughout her earthly life. From the moment of the Annunciation to being at the foot of the cross, she always abandoned her will to the Father. She continuously offered her fiat. *Let us ask Mary for the strength to trust during times of temptation and suffering.*

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## NOVENA DAY 5

### *Meditations from Bishop Giaquinta's "The Cenacle"*

*By Ana Barrios, Cooperative (Pro Sanctity Midwest)*

"The Prince of this world is at hand. He has no hold on me but the world must know that I love the Father and do as the Father has commanded me. Come, then! Let us be on our way." (Jn. 14:30-31)

"The focal points of these verses are the triumph of the world, that is, of evil; the free acceptance of this fact by Jesus which will bring Him to the Cross; and the explicit affirmation that Jesus accepts this out of love for the Father...Like Christ, we must learn to accept this for love of the Father." *Lord, we ask You through the intercession of Your Mother, Our Mother of Trust, to increase the virtue of Obedience to the Father in us .*

"'You will lay down your life for me?' Jesus answered. 'I tell you truly, the cock will not crow before you have three times disowned me.'" (Jn. 13:38)

"Peter is sincere, and the Master must have appreciated his sentiments, but people are frail. It is not that Peter is incapable of love or that he is insincere. Love and sincerity are not enough. True strength is from the Lord, and it is in Him that we must place our confidence." *Lord, we ask You through the intercession of Your Mother, Our Mother of Trust, to increase the virtues of Purity and Humility in us .*

"I am the true vine and my Father is the Vinegrower. He prunes away every barren branch, but the fruitful ones he trims clean to increase their yield." (Jn. 15: 1-2)

"We, branches of the vine which is Christ, inevitably need to be pruned to bear fruit or to bear more fruit. In this context, suffering has great positive value. This is even more conclusive when we remember that the Vinegrower is our Father. He is Abba, the good Father, who loves us so much that He wants only what is good for us." *Lord, we ask You through the intercession of Your Mother, Our Mother of Trust, to increase the virtue of Patience in us .*

"I have told you all this to keep your faith from being shaken." (Jn. 16:1)

"Awareness of potential problems can sometimes provide the necessary time and strength to prepare for them. Jesus knows the future and is the Master of all things. This should not only keep our faith from being shaken but also give us certainty that the Lord is close to us and He loves us." *Lord, we ask You through the intercession of Your Mother, Our Mother of Trust, to increase the virtue of Perseverance in the Faith in us.*

"I give you a new commandment: love one another. Such as my love has been for you, so must your love be for each other. This is how all will know you for my disciples: your love for one another." (Jn. 13:34-

"They do this not only out of a desire to imitate the Master but also in the awareness that a new covenant has been established, a covenant based on the new law of unconditional love." *Lord, we ask You through the intercession of Your Mother, Our Mother of Trust, to increase the virtue of Charity in us.*

## NOVENA DAY 6

### Rosary of Hope

By Susan Miller, External Apostolic Oblate (Pro Sanctity Midwest)

**FIRST MYSTERY: To a hopeless world, Jesus says, “All things are possible.” (Lk. 18:27)**

We live in a world with challenges and impossible circumstances. Jesus’s presence with us assures us we can do all things with His grace.

*In this mystery, let us thank God for His grace, which makes all things possible.*

**SECOND MYSTERY: To a world that is anxious and tired, Jesus says, “I will give you rest.” (Mt. 11:28)**

We live in a world that often says, “I am tired.” Daily routines and burdens weaken our resolve and hope. Jesus desires to give rest to our souls and ease our burdens when we entrust ourselves to Him.

*In this mystery let us consider the burdens Jesus is inviting us to give to Him.*

**THIRD MYSTERY: To a world that says, “I don’t have enough,” Jesus says, “Everything I have is yours.” (Lk. 15:31)**

We live in a world, where we are encouraged to build up treasures on earth. Jesus invites us to confidently entrust our needs to Him and receive His Father’s providential blessing.

*In this mystery let us ask God to transform our anxiety to possess things into a childlike receptivity that trusts in God’s love.*

**FOURTH MYSTERY: To a world that says, “I can’t forgive,” Jesus says, “Father, forgive them.” (Lk. 23:34)**

We live in a world that demands justice and identifies itself by its wounds. Jesus offers His mercy and forgiveness as He reveals His glorious wounds and signs of His love.

*In this mystery, let us ask Jesus for greater trust in His forgiveness so we, too, may show mercy to others.*

**FIFTH MYSTERY: In a world that says, “I am alone,” Jesus says, “I am with you always.” (Mt. 28:20)**

We live in a world that is alienated from God and others. Jesus calls us to be united to the love of the Trinity. Only then, can we build a world of saints, a world of brothers and sisters.

*In this mystery let us ask for a deeper awareness of God’s sanctifying presence with us.*

Close with *Prayer to Our Lady of Trust*, pg. 12

*Notice the graces you receive today and how Our Lady is with you.*

## NOVENA DAY 7

*“Fear is Useless, What is Needed is Trust” (Mk. 5:36)*

*Arranged by Joan Patten, Internal Apostolic Oblate (Pro Sanctity West)*

### FIRST MYSTERY OF TRUST: PEACE I GIVE TO YOU

*“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.” (Jn. 14:27)*

*“Should we retreat in fear or discouragement? Or should we rather say, ‘God will provide?’ This means we shall do all we can and leave the rest to God. After all, it is His work that we are trying to promote. We must trust that He will bring it to fulfillment in due time.” (Giaquinta, Spirituality of Pro Sanctity Organization)*

### SECOND MYSTERY OF TRUST: HOPE IN THE LORD

*“I have stilled my soul, like a weaned child to its mother, weaned is my soul. Israel, put your hope in the Lord now and forever.” (Ps. 131:2-3)*

*“We should let the Spirit guide us along this road to spirituality in the same way He acted in Mary. We speak so much of our trust in Mary: ‘My Mother, My Confidence!’ but we need courage to be led by Mary’s sweet touch because it is through [her] maternal touch that we best understand the tenderness of the Spirit, as well as that of the Father and the Son.” (Giaquinta, 1990)*

### THIRD MYSTERY OF TRUST: THERE IS NO FEAR IN LOVE

*“There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.” (1 Jn. 4:18)*

*“It is our duty to remain in an attitude of listening. God respects our will; His gift of love is a gratuitous one. The meaning of commitment must not be undervalued: God wants to bind us to Himself with bonds of love; we must feel the personal responsibility to be bound...” (Giaquinta, The Covenant)*

### FOURTH MYSTERY OF TRUST: CAST ALL YOUR ANXIETY ON HIM

*“Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.” (1 Pt. 5:6-7)*

*“We must have the courage to die. To die doesn’t necessarily mean shedding blood; rather, it means to live with dedication, sacrificing something every day in poverty, in humility, and in obedience. This is the dying that the Church and the world need from us. With this attitude, everything and every event becomes a blessing from God; without this attitude, everything is emptiness and illusion.” (Giaquinta, Servant of Yahweh)*

### FIFTH MYSTERY OF TRUST: TOTAL TRUST IN THE LORD

*“Trust in the LORD with all your heart, on your own intelligence do not rely; in all your ways be mindful of him, and he will make straight your paths.” (Prov. 3:5-6)*

*“If we could only be that tiny bit of yeast able to transform the mass. Our limitations and poverty discourage us, and we say: ‘Lord, don’t you know how afraid we are of our inadequacy? Behold, then the Lord comes close to us, through the intercession of his Mother, to give us strength and serenity: hence, our sense of trust and our devotion to Our Lady of Trust. (Giaquinta, A Courageous Response)*

**Close with the Prayer to Our Lady of Trust, pg. 12**

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## NOVENA DAY 8

### “Mother of Trust”

*Arranged by Leela Sebastian, Internal Apostolic Oblate (Pro Sanctity West)*

#### **FIRST MYSTERY: SIMEON'S PROPHECY TO MARY**

*Mother of Trust, help us to be free from our daily struggles and find hope in our daily lives.*

“Sometimes, we wonder in what sense we can imitate Mary who is too far away, in her Immaculate Conception, from our poor world of sin. We do not realize that her human significance lies precisely in that, while living among us, she fully actualized the ideal of holiness. This shows that we, too, can and must do something. (Giaquinta, *Love is Revolution*)

#### **SECOND MYSTERY: FLIGHT INTO EGYPT**

*Mother of Trust, you accept everything that happened to your Son. Your hope was tested through your suffering but you remained faithful to God.*

“Mary is not a luminous example detached from humanity; she is both model and mother. Let us look at her as a model and convince ourselves that the journey she shows us is possible.” (Giaquinta, *Love is Revolution*)

#### **THIRD MYSTERY: LOSING THE CHILD JESUS IN THE TEMPLE**

*Mother of Trust, we look to you as a mother who assists us with your love, intercession, and the understanding of us and our difficulties.*

“What can we ask from Mary? Everything, because we are in need of many things and she, who is our Mother, understands us. Above all we are to ask of her one thing: that she gives us the grace to enter into the mysterious world of love: the world of Jesus and the Spirit.” (365 *Days with the Founder*)

#### **FOURTH MYSTERY: MARY MEETS JESUS ON CALVARY**

*Mother of Trust, your unwavering faith and trust in God even amidst the intolerable suffering you witnessed during Jesus' Passion draws us to believe and have faith in God's plan.*

“Mary accepts what seems humanly absurd with faith, serenity, and trust, and she abandons herself to the Lord. The mystery of God, Who empties Himself of His love for humanity...strikes Mary, who meditates and tries to go deeper. Because of her abandonment and openness, Mary always accepts all, even when times are difficult, even when people do not accept her Son.” (365 *Days with the Founder*)

#### **FIFTH MYSTERY: MARY AT THE FOOT OF THE CROSS**

*Mother of Trust, at the foot of the cross, you became the mother of those who, by shedding their blood, would testify heroically to their love for your Son.*

“It is on the cross that Christ actualizes the dialectic of the maximum; it is at the foot of the cross that Mary loves us to the maximum and that she actualizes the dialectic of love.” (365 *Days with the Founder*)

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## NOVENA DAY 9

### *Living Hope with the Faith of Mary*

*By Kathleen Bowers, Cooperative (Pro Sanctity Midwest)*

#### **FIRST JOYFUL MYSTERY: ANNUNCIATION**

*"You will conceive and give birth to a son, you are to call Him Jesus." (Lk. 1:31)*

*"[Mary] was empty of anything that was not of God. She was empty of anything that would prevent her from resting in her deep union with the Father...The emptiness of the Theotokos is an invitation to us. What needs to be emptied from our lives?" (Toups, Theotokos)*

#### **SECOND JOYFUL MYSTERY: VISITATION**

*"Mary arose and went in haste." (Lk. 1:39)*

*"During those three months, Mary and Elizabeth supported each other and prayed together... Living as a disciple is not easy, especially in our culture. However, God sends us people. Who's supporting you on the journey?" (Toups, Theotokos)*

#### **THIRD JOYFUL MYSTERY: NATIVITY**

*"The time came for the baby to be born." (Lk. 2:6)*

*"To surrender all that we are...to the Spirit of Love so that our lives may bear Christ into the world. [Mary's] fiat was for herself and us, but if we want God's will to be completed in us as it is in her, we must echo her fiat...To put aside suddenly every motive except this single one, the forming of Christ in our life." (Houselander, Reed of God)*

#### **FOURTH JOYFUL MYSTERY: PRESENTATION**

*"And you yourself a sword will pierce so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." (Lk. 2:35)*

*"If Christ is formed of our lives, it means that He will suffer in us. Our Lady saw at once what was meant in her case: supernaturally, He was made herself...It is really difficult to realize that if He is formed in our life, we are not beside Him but in Him." (Houselander, Reed of God)*

#### **FIFTH JOYFUL MYSTERY: FINDING JESUS IN THE TEMPLE**

*"After three days they found Him sitting in the temple." (Lk. 2:41)*

*"We cannot discern God's presence through our senses, but faith tells us that we should treat one another with the reverence that we give to the Host. We need to bring faith to other people like that which we bring to the Blessed Sacrament...If we made daily acts of faith in the presence of Christ in other people, we should soon accept that, too. It would be the first step in discovering the lost Child."*

*(Houselander, Reed of God)*

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## **FEAST DAY OF OUR LADY OF TRUST OF THE IMMACULATE HEART**

*One With Peter: Honoring Our Lady with the Past Popes  
Arranged by Joan Patten, Internal Apostolic Oblate (Pro Sanctity West)*

### **FIRST MYSTERY WITH POPE JOHN XXII**

*“Holy Virgin, Madonna Della Fiducia, who dost ever keep maternal watch over thy seminarians as once upon a time, with thy smile, thou didst bring gladness to the Apostles in the Supper Room, look with a special love upon thy sons; defend them from dangers of soul and body; fill them with a love ever more fervent for Jesus Christ, thy Son most holy, so that by transforming themselves into Him, they may fully promote the desires of His divine heart.” (Journal of a Soul, John XXII)*

### **SECOND MYSTERY WITH POPE PAUL VI**

*“We want to believe that this filial and personal confidence with Mary, this brief and warm and ever reborn dialogue with the Madonna, this way of introducing her memory, her thought, her image, her deep and maternal gaze into the cell of personal religion, of the intimate and secret piety of the spirit, is habitual to you. Because, as you well know, devotion to the most holy Mary, brought to this degree of interiority, possesses marvelous virtues: that of certainly obtaining the protection of the Madonna, the profusion of her graces and her assistance; and then that of a firm and easy fidelity to every duty that bears the seal of the will of God and the imitation of Christ.” (Feb. 8, 1964)*

### **THIRD MYSTERY WITH POPE JOHN PAUL II**

*“‘Mater mea, fiducia mea’, is the familiar prayer within these walls. Mary is an inexhaustible source of trust because she is our Mother. Each of us can say: Jesus ‘looking upon me, loved me’ (cf. Mk 10:21). He turned his special look upon me and loved me particularly when, from the cross, he said to his disciple, indicating his Mother: ‘Behold, your mother’ (Jn. 19:27).” (Feb. 23, 1979)*

### **FOURTH MYSTERY WITH POPE BENEDICT XVI**

*“We see in Our Lady the very reality of all this, the person who is really new, who is really transformed, who is really a living sacrifice. Our Lady sees the will of God, she lives in God’s will, she says ‘yes’, and this ‘yes’ of Our Lady is the whole of her being and thus she shows us the way, she helps us. On this day, let us pray to Our Lady who is the living icon of the new man. May she help us to transform, to let our being be transformed, to truly be new men, then later, if God wishes, to be Pastors of his Church.” (Feb.15, 2012)*

### **FIFTH MYSTERY WITH POPE FRANCIS**

*“Mother of tenderness who envelops us in patience and mercy, help us burn away the sadness, impatience and rigidity of those who do not know what it means to belong. Intercede with your Son to obtain that our hands, our feet, our hearts be agile: let us build the Church with the Truth of love. Mother, we shall be the People of God, pilgrims bound for the Kingdom.” (May 23, 2013)*

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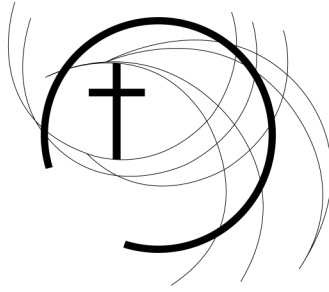
## PRO SANCTITY MOVEMENT

Pro Sanctity is an international Catholic lay movement founded by the Servant of God, Guglielmo Giaquinta, in 1947. The mission of Pro Sanctity is to promote the universal call to holiness and brotherhood. Holiness is the maximum response of love initiated by our awareness of God's infinite and personal love. We are called to respond to His thirst for our total response of love in the practical reality of daily life.

Bishop Giaquinta taught about three dimensions of holiness in which a maximum response of love is called: personal, communal/familial, and societal. The personal dimension of holiness is the intimate relationship that we each have with God in response to His infinite love revealed through His Son Jesus. The thirst of Jesus manifested on the cross initiates His command to *"love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength"* (Mk. 12:30). The love received from God becomes a gift to share with our brothers and sisters *"You shall love your neighbor as yourself"* (Mk. 12:31). In this communal/familial dimension of holiness, we recognize that our maximum response of love is greater when it is united with our brothers and sisters' response to God. Our brothers and sisters' unified, maximum response leads to the third dimension, societal holiness. This dimension is meant to penetrate society so that secular structures are no longer obstacles to holiness and brotherhood but are conducive to the call to holiness.

To foster such a transformation, Pro Sanctity strives to form the mind to know God, the heart to love Him and others, and the hands to serve in His name so that others may meet Christ. This formation occurs in small groups (nucli) and focuses on prayer, spiritual formation, or missionary activity. Pro Sanctity associates organize nucli groups, which are open to all, especially those who wish to deepen their commitment to God. Pro Sanctity Associates are trained through the School of Formation to share the message of universal holiness with others and help others to respond. This program is a more intensive experience and integration of the Pro Sanctity Movement's charism and spirituality.

We were created for the great adventure of love and holiness. Our founder, Bishop Giaquinta, was aware of the world's needs, that we need saints, that is, "People for whom God is everything." God loves you and desires your love in return. Grace is available! How will you respond?



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