

## OUR CHARISM

We Mercedarian Missionaries are called to live the Redemption and Liberation of Jesus Christ and to offer to the captives of all times, with redemptive love, inspired in Mary Our Mother of Mercy



Do you want to be a Missionary? . . . . .

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## BRIEF HISTORY OF OUR FOUNDRRESS



Lutgarda Mas i Mateo, was a young devoted woman, born in Barcelona, Spain. At that time the country was facing many different slaveries, fruit of the expansion of Industrial Revolution, especially the women were affected in their work in factories with exploitation and ignorance.

That reality moves Lutgarda to think how to help them. In her deep concern, she prayed to the Virgin of Mercy, and in that moment Lutgarda received a message from her Mother of Mercy to restore the female branch of the Mercedarian Order.

After the nice and delicate experience Lutgarda went to talk with Fr. Peter Nolasco Tenas an exclaustated Mercedarian Priest, requesting support. He did not believe her, but Lutgarda insisted, until she convinced him saying that it is the mission of the Blessed Mother. Fr. Peter wrote a letter to the General of the Order to approve the foundation of the new Institute. While they were waiting for the answer, they faced many problems that Fr. Peter was so afraid to continue, but Lutgarda said firmly **"GOD AND OUR BLESSED MOTHER WILL PROVIDE"**

Once arrived the approval, the Institute was founded on November 21, 1860, in Barcelona Spain. The firsts Mercedarian Sisters were: Mercedes Bartra, Rita Parrellada, Francisca Farrer and Rosa Velas. Lutgarda was not included, because she had to take care of her sick mother. After the death of her mother Lutgarda joined to the sisters as postulant. In 1861 she started the Novitiate, shortly after, she got sick and Lutgarda died on August 9, 1862.

## INSTITUTO NUESTRA SEÑORA DE LA MERCED DE BARCELONA



OUR LADY OF MERCY

LUTGARDA MAS I MATEO  
FOUNDRRESS

**I see the humiliation of my people...**

**And hear their cry (Ex. 3:7)**

## TUTORIAL CLASS FOR CHILDREN

They come after their class in the public school, to improve their academic and spiritual knowledge.



### CATECHESIS:

We are sent by the parish to the public schools for catechesis.



## PASTORAL YOUTH

Actively coming to learn how to grow in both psycho-spiritual and service.



## FORMATION FOR RELIGIOUS LIFE

The RMM Community commits to help the aspirant to clarify her motivation in order to discover the authenticity of her vocation. Jn. 1:39



The pre-novitiate is a phase of transition which permits the young woman to develop her human and spiritual maturity as preparation to live fully the novitiate. Ex. 3:4



## MISSIONARY LIFE GIVING FOR CHRIST



Maria Felisa was born in Aragon Spain and she becomes a Mercedarian Missionary. She was assigned to Africa. As a sensible woman, she detected the real needs of the people who were struggling due to the war.

She founded a leprosarium where she gathered 300 lepers who were abandoned, in the Village of N'Konedze. She was convincing that "the most important thing in life is to make happy to others." Despite of her age and sickness and malarias she decided to remain with the lepers, taking care of them with love and tenderness without any cost.

Maria Felisa died of Malaria in 2002, in the night of Christmas. When Jesus was born and came to offer freedom, Maria Felisa was horn to heaven