

## Postulation of the Cause in the Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

June 2023



**75th Anniversary** of the birth in Heaven of the Venerable Mother Carmela Prestigiaco, Foundress of the Institute of the Sisters of the Sacred Heart of the Incarnate Word

Jubilee Year 1948 – 2023

*“Jesus opens His Heart to us:  
we enter, rest, abide in Him and we will be happy forever”*  
Venerable Mother Carmela

Dear Sisters, Friends and Devotees of Mother Carmela

The Solemnity of Pentecost that we recently celebrated still exhorts us with the grace of the Holy Spirit to build together the Holy Church of God by keeping alive the sentiments of the Most Holy Heart of Jesus.

In this edition of our greeting Sheet we want to give particular prominence to the Heart of Christ the Lord and exhort with renewed faith to draw now more than ever, from the life source of the Eucharistic Heart of the Word Incarnate, the greatest and most fruitful spiritual nourishment for our life.

Our Venerable Mother Carmela, who was assiduously contemplating the Mercy of the open Heart of Incarnate Word, wrote: **“The Sacred Heart is that divine source from which gushes that healthy water that quenches thirst forever”** and, in the Spiritual Report to her Confessor, on November 17, 1900, she wrote: **“ Love is that mysterious key that opens the rich gate of this mystical garden, love is that mysterious key that opens the most secret hiding places of my Heart, and introduces the souls I love a deal with them with greater familiarity on the interests of the glory of my Divine Father, and rejoice and enjoy the sweetest delights of my love, and to live a paradise**



**of delights and sweets, to be made sharers in all the most intimate secrets of my Heart”.**

Her writings are always alive and urge us to love God and neighbor with ardent charity. Furthermore, with great joy I inform you that with reason for the Jubilee Year, the past 25 March, on the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, we celebrated two very significant moments in Palermo, in the Mother House of the Institute: in the morning the Solemn Eucharistic Concelebration and in the afternoon, it was presented by the author Prof. Vittorio De Marco the new Biography of Mother Carmela, entitled: “A story without time. Mother Carmela Prestigiacomio Foundress of the Institute Sacred Heart of the Incarnate Word 1858-1948”.



Dear ones, we thank all those who attended personally this event and those who prayed and continue to pray for this happy initiative, so that following the shining example of

Mother Carmela, it will be given glory to God in everything and spread the Gospel in hearts, bringing to all the gift of peace and merciful love of Jesus the Incarnate Word. In communion of prayer, we extend a fraternal greeting to you and to your dear families and communities.

*Sister Alba Arce and the Sisters of the Sacred Heart of the Incarnate Word*

**Congratulations! Group of Devotees of  
Mother Carmela of  
Cinisi-Palermo**

Pilgrims in Rome went at our Generalate, to pray at the tomb of the venerable Foundress Mother Carmela Prestigiacomio in occasion of the Jubilee Year which we are celebrating.

From the Writings of Venerable Mother Carmela Prestigiaco:mo:

**Mother Carmela and the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus**

“On November 17, 1900, as soon as you put me in prayer in the morning, Our Lord presented Himself to me and showed me his Adorable Heart, like a delightful garden enclosed by a large gate of highly polished gold, which he himself opened with all mysterious and divine key, enameled with very precious stones, and as soon as it opened he invited me to enter that delightful place with these sweet words: **“Come near, my daughter, enter the garden of my Heart, there you will find your delights in admiring all sorts of the most beautiful flowers and all kinds of fruit the tastiest, which will make you forget that you are still on earth, a place of desolation and cry. In this mysterious garden you will not find, as in earthly paradise, any forbidden fruit; you will be able to pick at your own liking any flower or fruit that suits you best; instead of the death, you will find health, life.”** At this point, it's already time of communion, I went to Communion with such disposition and of mind and from the heart, which can only be felt, but not expressed, and very much less to be described. I have just received my sweetest Sacramental Love, He took me as if by the hand and He introduced me himself in the delightful garden of His Heart”.

“Only in You my dear good  
I find my rest  
only in You, my sweet Spouse,  
I find all my treasure!  
Your love is that beacon for me,  
that clears my mind,  
that inflames me and always lights  
me up  
of a divine and holy ardor  
In Your Heart I will make my  
room,  
where only I will ask in wages,  
that pure and living faith,  
that transforms man into you.  
All consumed and intoxicated  
I will live then of You, my Life,  
like a deer already wounded,  
I will languish before You!  
Ah! Let, my Good, my God,  
that immolated my heart to You,  
in sweet ecstasy of love,  
live and die for You alone!  
I want, henceforth to conform in  
all my life according to Yours, so  
that  
I can satisfy your Adorable  
Heart, so embittered by insults  
and  
ingratitude of men”.  
Sister Carmela of Jesus

Prayer for glorification of the Venerable Servant of God  
Mother Carmela Prestigiacomò

O Jesus, incarnate Wisdom of the Father,  
You that have opened widely the  
doors of your Heart to all men

to love you more and more.

Thank you for the gift  
of Venerable Mother Carmela  
and I ask you, through her intercession,  
to increase the Faith in *me*,  
Hope and Charity and to grant me  
the grace I need  
but above all to see her soon raised  
to the honors of the altars. Amen.

GLORY TO THE FATHER  
(with ecclesiastical approval)

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