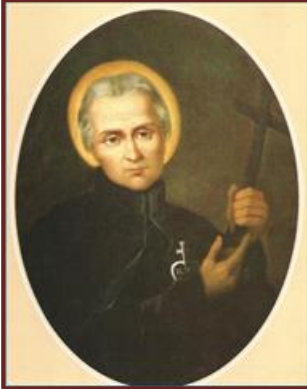




Solemnity of our Holy Founder, 2020



Dear Mothers, Sisters, Postulants and Oblates of our monasteries,

To each and every one of you I send my greetings and the gift of fervent prayer for all of your intentions, both personal and communal, as we celebrate the feast of St. Paul of the Cross. I am asking our beloved founder to make a “spiritual visitation” to each of you on his feast, so that all of us will become more aware of the unfailing help of Paul’s constant intercession for us in God’s presence (from Eucharistic Prayer III).

I think that we can apply to our founder the words that St. Dominic spoke to his brethren as he was dying: “...I shall be more useful to you after my death, and I shall help you then more effectively than during my life” (referenced in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, §956).

Yes! May he help us “more effectively” in these challenging times and make his fatherly concern and powerful intercession felt in all of our hearts as, with each passing day, we spiritually drink from the loving wisdom of the Passion, death and resurrection of Jesus, and pass on to others the gift of our precious charism. This is a cause for great spiritual joy! I pray that the Spirit’s gift of holy gladness and thanksgiving will truly overflow into each of our hearts as we join in communion with the entire Passionist family throughout the world to celebrate the solemnity of St. Paul of the Cross. “O Lord, how great are your works! How deep are your designs” in the foundation and ongoing history of the Passionist family (cf Psalm 92)!

Joyfully in Jesus, crucified and risen from the dead,

*Mother Catherine Marie CF*

