



Marianist Moments

Feast of Blessed Adèle de Batz de Trenquelléon

January 10

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Introduction

On January 10, we celebrate the feast of Blessed Mother Adèle de Batz de Trenquelléon, who was also known as Mother Marie de la Conception. Blessed Adèle is the Foundress of the *Daughters of Mary Immaculate - Filles de Marie Immaculée* (FMI), also known as the Marianist Sisters. She died on January 10, 1828, in Agen, France, at the age of 38. The Marianist Sisters, founded by Blessed Adèle and Father Chaminade, are present in 16 countries and perform various ministries such as education, pastoral and formation, social justice, environmental education, vocational education, medical outreach, and several others. Let us remember Blessed Adèle, the Marianist Sisters, their work, and the Marianist Family in our prayers today as we celebrate Blessed Adèle's feast.

Opening Prayer

Adapted from the Mass of the Feast of Blessed Marie de la Conception

✠ Eternal God, who inspired in Blessed Marie of the Conception an ardent love for Christ, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary, grant us, through her intercession, that we may consecrate all our efforts to making your Son known, loved, and served. We make this prayer through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 21: 1-9, RSVCE

(Blessed Adèle de Batz, in her dying moments, proclaimed the words, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" Thus, it is fitting to read this passage from the Gospel of Matthew in which these words appear.)

And when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Beth'phage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find an ass tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord has need of them,' and he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of an ass." The disciples went and did as Jesus

had directed them; they brought the ass and the colt, and put their garments on them, and he sat thereon. Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" And when he entered Jerusalem, all the city was stirred, saying, "Who is this?" And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth of Galilee."

Silent Introspection

Apostolic Letter on Blessed Adèle de Batz

- ❖ **Contemplate the following text from Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter given on June 1, 2018, on the occasion of the beatification of Blessed Adèle de Batz:**

...do grant by virtue of our apostolic authority that the Venerable Servant of God Marie de la Conception (in the world Adèle de Batz de Trenquelléon), Virgin and Foundress of the Congregation of the Daughters of Mary Immaculate, who acted with all her zeal to promote the Christian education of youth and to exercise the works of mercy, may henceforth be called "Blessed" and her feast be celebrated on January 10, the anniversary of her birth in heaven, both in the places and in the manner established by law. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

- ❖ **Personal/Group Reflection: How does Blessed Adèle inspire your faith in Jesus and Mary?**

Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Mother Marie de la Conception

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✠ O God, source of life and holiness, we thank you for giving Blessed Adèle de Batz de Trenquelléon to the Church. You filled her with a profound love for Christ, a love which compelled her to serve young people and the poor. You created in her an ardent missionary spirit and a deep filial love for the Virgin Mary, our Mother. May her example help us grow in faith, fill us with hope, and inspire us to boldly and lovingly announce the joy of the Gospel. We ask You, through the intercession of Adèle, to grant us the grace (...mention your intentions). And if it is your will, grant that one day, Adèle may be canonized for the Glory of your Name and for the service of your people. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



✠ May the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen.