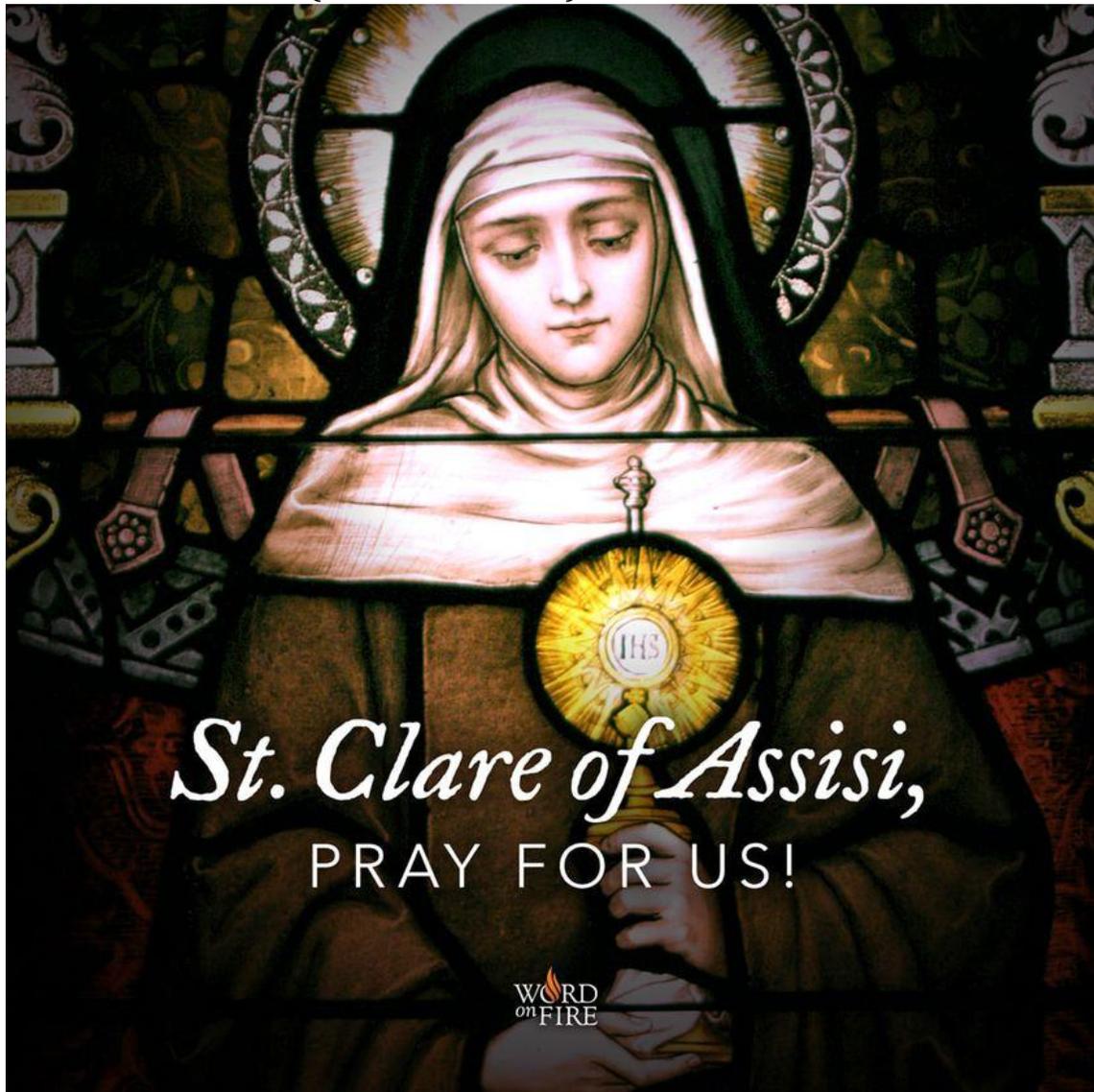


Saint Clare of Assisi (1194 - 1253 AD) – Ladies of Eucharistic Adoration



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Following our Redeemer JESUS CHRIST as did Saint Francis and his monks, Saint Claire founded the "Poor Clares." Known as the "Ordo Sanctae Clarae," or the "Order of Poor Ladies," they were patterned after the First Order of Franciscans, becoming the contemplative "Second Order of Saint Francis" Nuns. Thus, "The Ladies of The Eucharistic Adoration."

They pursued a humble life of Christian community, prayer, work, Mass and Eucharistic Adoration. "Of noble birth and reputed beauty, Clare heard Francis of Assisi preach a Lenten retreat in 1211. Captivated by this new witness of a life "after the manner of The Holy Gospel," Claire slipped away from her home on the night of Palm Sunday the following year to join Francis.

After a brief stay with Benedictine Nuns, she moved into a convent attached to The Church of San Damiano, leading the young women who joined her, the first Poor Clares. She died in 1253 with the rule she had written... in her hand." *

MATTHEW 19:27-29

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27 Then answered Peter and said unto Him, Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed Thee; what shall we have therefore?

28 And JESUS said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed Me, in the regeneration when The Son of Man shall sit in The Throne of His Glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel

29 And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for My Name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life.

A devotion, CHRIST "In Our Midst"

by Mother Angelica of The Annunciation, PCPA (1923 – 2016 AD)



Like Saint Clare of Assisi, beloved Mother Angelica of The Annunciation was also deeply devoted to Adoration of The Holy Eucharist.

So Mother Angelica writes, "Only GOD could leave me and stay with me at the same time. His physical Presence ascended into Heaven, but [He] gives me his Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in The Holy Eucharist. Every time I receive This Sacrament, whose Power is beyond my comprehension, I receive more of GOD.

The pool of my soul becomes brighter and His Divine Reflection [in me] more radiant. He knew my faith would waver at times and I would need something tangible to speak to and gaze upon, so He gave me Himself in a miraculous way in The Holy Eucharist –

as Friend when in need, as Companion when I'm lonely, as Strength when I'm weak, as Mercy when I fail, as a Source of Joy when I'm sad, as Peace in the midst of turmoil, and as a Power to help me press ahead with confidence for the struggle to come.

He has given me His Presence in Scripture - to guide me along the path of life, to direct me in The Right Way, to reveal to me His attributes, His Son and His SPIRIT, to feed my soul with His Word, to encourage me when things go wrong, to show me His will,

to assure me of His forgiveness, to give me Hope when all seems lost, to tell me how much He loves me, and to give me a glimpse of The Kingdom and The Glory to come. For all eternity I will continue to receive new lights and knowledge about Him that will thrill my soul with awe and wonder...

I can be so absorbed in my own problems and difficulties that the beauty and peace around me are lost in a maze of imaginary clouds that keep me in a tiny cramped world. I must look beyond what is visible and see the invisible reality. Only an Infinite Love could have The Power to come down to my level, surround me with Omnipotence, raise me up, and hold me in the arms of His fatherly care.

Lord and Father, Your Son JESUS gives me tangible proof of Your Presence in my soul by giving Himself to me in The Holy Eucharist. Through The Power of Your SPIRIT's Gifts, let That Presence bear fruit and give proof to my neighbor that JESUS is Lord." *

*["Saint Clare." The Magnificat, 8/11/2021. Memorial, p 144. Meditation of the Day, "In Our Midst." Mother Angelica of The Annunciation, PCPA (Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration), p 147-148.]