

During these days, we aim to prepare ourselves with joy for the celebration of solemnity of our Mother of Mount Carmen, following the experience and teachings of our Founder.

Day 1 - Mary, THE WAY to contemplate the Church

For us, CMT Sisters, it is necessary to come to Mary in order to discover the Church, the final object of Christian charity.

Fr. Palau presents Mary as “the way” to discover and love the Church; and this is the great truth that should be preached in the world: the fundament of the mission.

The original thing is his personal vision of Marian devotion, that means *devotion and love for the Church*. For many years, Fr. Palau thought that Mary, the Mother of God, could be the object of his love, and he was trying to increase his love for Her. He, the searcher of truth in the way for Marian devotion, saw in Mary the Mediator between the two lovers (the Christian and the Church), the Ambassador who sent him with full authority to preach the Law of Grace: love for God and love for neighbor, that is, love for the Church, because God and neighbor are the Church. At the end, it helped him to clarify “the object of love” for Her.

Expressing his feelings and journey, he left us a program of true Marian devotion:

«It's been many years since I was making efforts of spirit exciting my love for Mary, the Mother of God, and my devotion for Her wasn't satisfying me. My heart was searching for my Beloved, I was searching for my Spouse, and in Mary I could see only acts, deserving gratitude, love of a child, but my love couldn't find in Her its object. In this mission that I ended in this island, Mary was brought in triumph by the children of the peoples. And I heard one word, and this word came from the lips of Mother of God, and this word was: 'Until now you haven't known me, because I haven't revealed myself to you; from now on, you will know me and love me'. I will keep this word» (MR 1,5). It's an attitude of Mary in the Gospel of Saint Luke (Lk 2:19.51)

Palau never did nor lived anything without Mary, but in the Church and from the Church.

Silence

Prayer

MARY, GIVE ME YOUR SANDALS:

I want to feel the dust of the road
To come to God detached of all.

MARY, GIVE ME YOUR SANDALS:

To transform my journey
In a personal encounter with the Church.

MARY, GIVE ME YOUR SANDALS:

To be and live a little like you,
Without another compass than your faith.

MARY, GIVE ME YOUR SANDALS:

To say to Jesus
that even with my weaknesses,
His resurrection is for me a reason for joy,
A call for conversion,
An opportunity for a new life.

MARY, GIVE ME YOUR SANDALS:

To walk the way you walked.
Amén.