

Way of the Cross with Blessed Mother Enrichetta

First Station: Jesus is condemned to death

.... they laid hands on him and seized him. And Jesus said to them: “Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me?”

.... All of them condemned him as deserving death. (Mk 14: 43-49; 63-64)

“Now after this example of Jesus, who will still dare to say that it is too great a sacrifice to submit to the dispositions of Heaven, however painful, difficult and repugnant to nature they may seem?” (VE 220)

Second Station: Jesus is made to carry the Cross.

“Carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha.” (Jn 14:17)

The cross is enough for me to make myself more conformed to my crucified Love. (VE 219)

Third Station: Jesus falls under the weight of the Cross

“Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted.” (Is 53:4)

Whatever may happen to me and even if I fall again, the resolution that I made was never to let myself be broken and discouraged but run to God with humility and get back on the right path. (VE 344)

Fourth Station: Jesus meets His Most Holy Mother

Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too..... His mother treasured all these things in her heart.” (Lk 2:34, 35,51)

“While I exhorted everyone and recommended them to keep faithful and constant company with Mary Mother of Sorrows at the foot of the Cross, I let these words escape me: I do not know what effect it has on others, but this practice makes a great impression on me and it seems impossible for me to have a heart that can deny God any sacrifice, though at a very high price, when one stands beside the most tender and dearest Mother Mary who fearlessly offers to the Divine Father not only the sacrifice of her Son, but also that of all of herself for our salvation. What an effective lesson of conformity to the most Holy will of the Eternal Father Mary gives us at the foot of the Cross.

Fifth Station: Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus to carry the Cross

“As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus.” (Lk 23:26)

“I felt in me the need to ask for something to suffer, I replied to the requests, and I did not know how to adapt myself to living without having a part in his Cross.”

Sixth Station: Veronica wipes the most adorable Face of Jesus

“Come,” my heart says, “seek his face!” Your face, LORD, do I seek. (Ps 27)

I felt the great need I had for God, to unite myself with Him, and at the same time it seemed impossible to me to be able to have that union so desired by me... It seemed to me that I would have overcome any difficulty, endured any pain and affliction as long as I could unite myself with my God; but everything was useless, I always felt cold as ice and I always saw myself very far from Him, without any hope of being able to find Him: I looked for Him everywhere, but always in vain. (VE 247)

Seventh Station: Jesus falls for the second time

“Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.” (Jn 12:24)

I yearn and burn with desire to annihilate myself in order to find myself only united to the Triune God. (LD 284)

Eighth Station: Jesus consoles the women of Jerusalem

A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?” (Lk 23: 27-29, 31)

My God, you see that I do not seek or desire anything of this world and neither do I desire your heavenly consolations; but I only desire, seek, yearn for and want You, Master and author of every true consolation, You, my one and true Good, who alone can satisfy the desires of my languishing heart (VE 367-368)

Ninth Station: Jesus falls for the third time

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart.” (Mt 11: 28,29)

When you find yourself fallen into some shortcomings or weakness, humble yourself with tranquillity, and if you can, make reparation with one or more acts of contrary virtues, and propose to pay more attention to the correction of your defects. Here is how our miseries serve as a step for us to go to Heaven: that is, by making us more humble and vigilant.

Tenth Station: Jesus is stripped of His garments

“When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic.” (Jn 19:23)

Allow yourself to be stripped of everything, even of your own self which costs the most; Make sacrifices that are asked of you moment by moment. Never lose heart when you find yourself weak and sluggish, rather be happy to be what God wants you to be and do not seek or desire anything else.

Go to God with great simplicity and generosity, my dearest daughter, and the divine plans will be fulfilled in you... make yourself great and great by descending very, very low (LS)

Eleventh Station: Jesus is nailed to the Cross

It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." (Mk 15: 25,26)

Do not let yourself be dismayed by sacrifices and be very generous in overcoming yourself. Carry your daily cross well and follow your Spouse faithfully, whether he takes you to Calvary or to Tabor. (LS 62)

Twelfth Station: Jesus dies on the Cross

"Standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.... Jesus said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit." (Jn 19: 25,30)

I tried to always keep close to my dear sorrowful Mother, I often imagined her immersed in the most profound sorrow but still giving herself to the most adorable will of the Divine Father, who asked of her the immense sacrifice of her son Jesus. From such a model I learned to love the Will of my God in the different events to which I have been subjected in my interior life and I summoned up courage to persevere in the company of the suffering Jesus in His passion, despite the laments from my poor human nature. (VE 298-299)

Thirteenth Station: Jesus is taken down from the Cross.

"He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him." (Mt 27:58)

Not being able to do anything else, I kept my arms open as long as I could bear the weariness with the intention of keeping company with Jesus on the cross by offering myself to stay in that painful state as long as He liked it, even if it lasted all my life. (VE 288)

Fourteenth Station: Jesus is laid in the tomb

When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock." (Mk 15: 45,46)

You know that the saints call obedience "the sepulchre of one's own will" and therefore you will understand how many sacrifices a religious Sister must make when she truly wants to live in conformity with her vocation (LS)

Fifteenth station: Jesus rises from the dead

Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her." (Jn 20:18)

I made a resolution to lead as many souls as I could to His love, without paying attention to my overwhelming fragility. Throughout that day the thought of the goodness of my God was always alive in me even in the midst of my ordinary occupations, and I had to be careful not to let the hallelujah that I felt inside me show too much on the outside. (VE 276)