

WHY WE CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF TRUST

Our Lady of Trust has long been the Patroness of the Apostolic Oblates and of the Pro Sanctity Movement. The gift of her protection and guidance was brought to us by the deep devotion of our founder, Bishop William Giaquinta, who came to know Our Lady of Trust while in the Major Seminary of St. John Lateran in Rome.

In writings dated February 20, 1977, bishop Giaquinta provides material for meditation expressed through his own thoughts on Our Lady of Trust.

“It seems to me that the trust of Our Lady has its roots in a poverty open to acceptance. The Madonna knows she is a poor creature, but exactly for this reason she can count on the omnipotence of God: God, the all-powerful, has chosen her precisely because she was poor, and Our Lady has at the same time the awareness both of her poverty and of her richness that comes from trusting in the omnipotence of God.

The second element is openness to acceptance because the Madonna has the certainty that nothing happens by chance. Our Lady does not conceive of life’s events as happening by chance or that she has met up with blind fate. Chance does not exist – rather, there is the grand reality of the love of God, to this God who makes himself sweetly or strongly part of her life, and SHE LETS HIM TAKE OVER.

Here we have the source of trust in Our Lady: her poverty, the richness of God, the certainty that what befalls her is an expression of love, an expression of the will of God. When all problems increase, when injustice seems obvious, how is it possible to think that also in these cases there is the will of God and His love that weaves through our life? To believe is the source of trust.

These thoughts on Our Lady are not just words, because they are expressed concretely in her existence, an existence that one sees turned inside out by the word and will of God.”