

1819 – January 3, 2019
Bicentennial of the birth of Frances Schervier
Year of Healing



“Let us thank our Lord from the depths of our hearts for all the graces that He in His immense love has given us. Let us always begin anew and with fresh ardor to serve our Divine Saviour very faithfully, as our holy calling demands”.

(Mother Frances Schervier)

Dearest Sisters, Associates, friends, and collaborators,
May the Lord fill you with all that is good!

With hearts full of gratitude, on December 14 we remember the birth from Heaven of our beloved foundress, Blessed Frances Schervier. In a wholly special way, in honor of this occasion, we would like to dedicate a time of grace in order to celebrate this bicentennial of her birth, which took place on January 3rd, 1819, in Aachen, Germany.

Frances was born and lived in a period of great changes, marked by deep social divisions and poverty. Her life was intertwined with the extreme poverty of the many sisters and brothers in whom she recognized the suffering face of the Lord. With passion, she embraced the call to heal their wounds and she began a journey of communion and service with other women who were called, as she was, to incarnate the Gospel, following in the footsteps of Francis and Clare of Assisi.

The personal history of Frances has become our history. We wish to honor her by celebrating a “Year of Healing” together: from December 14, 2018, to January 3, 2020. As we celebrate Frances, we will welcome all expressions of life. It will be a very special time to pray and for each of us to be a gift to one another. It will be a marvelous time for us to act as instruments of mercy and reconciliation, of kindness and hope for our communities, our families, and the sisters and brothers we meet in the places where we work and serve.

During this year of grace, we invite you to pray with faith for the canonization of Blessed Frances Schervier. We will write a letter to Pope Francis asking that the Church recognize her sainthood, a letter that shows all of our signatures, as a tangible expression of our common wish.

During this special year of grace, we hope that the healing charism of Blessed Frances will touch and transform the lives of many people. We hope that we can be tools of healing and witnesses of joy and hope. On this very special December 14, and during this new “Year of Healing” that is about to begin for us very soon, may we experience, in a renewed manner, our closeness with Frances, who constantly inspires and supports us!

May the Lord allow you to live in fullness this new “Year of Healing”!

United in the spirit of Blessed Frances, we remain yours sincerely,

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