

Spiritual Reflection – February 2014



A Lighthouse

„The Lord demands much from those whom He has chosen as His special instruments... They shall be like a lighthouse, whose rays penetrate far into the surf of human misery, so that many may find the way back to the haven of salvation“(**Mary Frances of the Cross Amalia Streitl, Letters to Father John Francis Jordan 1883-1885, 76[63] - Rome 2013 p. 195**)

The participation in the eternal salvation of her time was a great concern for Mother Frances which she continuously addressed in her letters to Father Jordan. The leading of people to God was the actual purpose of her foundation. She was completely convinced that the sisters could act as a counterbalance to the religious and moral decline of her time by living an uncompromising life of poverty, penance, and obedience. The great evil of our times is the forgetfulness of God by many people and it is the cause of many evils and anomalies all over the world. For this reason we are called by the church and our last general assembly to live the values of the Gospel authentically and joyfully, and in this way contribute to the new evangelization in our respective environment. May Mother Frances help us from heaven so that we might be lighthouses that shine *“into the surf of the human misery”* of our times.

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