

## **MOTHER CLAUDINE'S RELIGIOUS FAITH IN GOD**

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### **Abstract**

#### **“To do the will of God in everything”**

Mother Claudine has full confidence in Jesus Christ. Any symptoms of a soul of little confidence were never seen in her. Anxiety, sadness, discouragement, pusillanimity were unknown to her. Amidst all her trials, she remained calm, because she learned completely on the all powerful hand of God who sustained her. Faith was her driving power, her consolation and her hope.

### **Introduction**

Mother Claudine is one of the admired women. She dedicated every day of her life to caring for and loving the dying, the wanted and the unloved. Her spirit of giving inspired many people. She served every one with her love and the love of God. She touched the hearts of many people because of her love and commitment to God. Mother Claudine lived an extraordinary life.

### **Religious belief in God**

Mother Teresa put all her faith into God and believed that he would provide her with what she needed. Faith was her driving power, her consolation and her hope. She possessed admirably the marvelous arts of serving God in all things, in creatures, in events, in everything and everywhere. She listened to the word of God with the greatest respect. She wanted to inculcate the respect in each one of us. She sacrificed herself all her life for procuring the glory of God and the salvation of souls. One day a sister seeing her pulling out the weeds in the garden showed surprise, our Mother replied” I love this work very much, it reminds me about my poor heart, where there are always useless plants to uproot.”(Family Annals-Pg: 326)

### **Imitation of Jesus Christ**

Mother Claudine applied herself constantly to reproduce the life, the works and the virtues of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Out of love in Jesus Christ she loved poverty, work, suffering, privations, an obscure and hidden life. Like Him and in view of pressing Him, she edified the neighbour, instructed and cared for him according to her ability, she tried to procure the glory of God as much as possible.

“Her thoughts, her intentions her words and her works, all were animated by the spirit of our Lord.” She was like the ciborium enclosing the holy species. She carried Jesus within herself. He was her life according to the beautiful teaching of St.Paul. In him was life, and that life was the light of men (John 1:4).

### **Love of Jesus Christ**

Our Mother loved Our Lord with an ardent and generous love, which manifested itself in her words, and many times by the tears she shed before Blessed Sacrament and before the crucifix. During the span of 30 years she had the happiness of receiving the Holy Communion daily. This immense favour, one of the most precious that she declared who owed to obedience made her progress continually in the path of sanctity, but it was never a motive for vain glory or for eccentricity. The whole day served for thanking and preparing for these communions. She never misses the mass on working days. (Family Annals: 298).

### **Prayerful Mother**

She had understood perfectly well that prayer is one of the most essential obligations of the religious life. The more she advanced in age, the more time she gave to this holy exercise. Her recollection was so great in the holy place that she never knew what was happening around her. It happened to her many times that she passed the whole night in the church, failing to have noticed that the sacristan had closed the doors and sure she was not angry with him.(Family Annals:298).

### **Depth of contemplation**

Many people go to church each week, however never truly experience God the way Mother Claudine did. She was truly able to see him in everything she did and every one she came into contact with her. One evening, during the visit to the Blessed Sacrament a frightened noise was

heard above the vault, the stones were tumbling down. Frightened, all the sisters went out, our mother alone remained in the church, afterwards one hearing them speak about noise, she said she had heard nothing. (Family Annals: 299). In this way she is very close to Jesus Christ and she had deep faith in Lord.

### **Conclusion**

Mother Claudine dedication to God and the church is what I feel made her so great. Everything she did in her life was for God. Mother Claudine wanted to inculcate the same respect to the word of God in each one of us. She wants us to uproot useless plants in our heart. In order to save our souls it is necessary that we do what our Lord Jesus Christ came to teach us to do during the 33 years he lived on earth(Family Annals:301).

**“We can do no great things**

**only small things with great love”**