



# PATRIARCHATUS LATINUS - JERUSALEM

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## EDICT

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**LATIN PATRIARCH OF JERUSALEM**

Cause for Beatification and Canonization of the Servant of God  
**MARY OF THE TRINITY** (in the world: Louisa Jaques)  
professed nun of the Poor Clares

On June 25, 1942, the Servant of God, Mary of the Trinity (in the world Louisa Jaques), professed nun of the Poor Clares, died at the age of 41 in Jerusalem, on June 25, 1942. Born into a Protestant missionary family in South Africa and raised in Switzerland, she embraced the Catholic faith after a long journey. At the age of 25, in the heart of her youth, she experienced a profound existential and faith crisis, culminating in the night of her conversion: into her despair came light and an irresistible attraction to the cloister. Drawn by the mystery of the Eucharist, she was baptized into the Catholic Church on March 19, 1928. After countless vocational attempts, Providence led her, at the age of 37 to the Poor Clares' Monastery in Jerusalem, where God was waiting for her to unite her more closely to the mystery of His Passover. In the travails, illness and sufferings of life, the Servant of God was driven to the search for truth and true love, overcoming evil with good, learning to listen to God's voice. Quietly, she gave herself unreservedly in prayer, adoration and fraternal charity, striving with all her strength for Christian unity, imploring the gift of peace. On December 8, 1941, she offered herself as a victim to Jesus in the Eucharist, and a few months later she died peacefully, leaving behind a luminous witness of Christian life.

As her reputation for sanctity has been increasing over the years and as it has been formally requested that the Cause for Beatification and Canonization of the Servant of God be initiated, in bringing this to the attention of the Ecclesial Community, we invite each and every one of the faithful communicate with us directly or through Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem (Latin

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any information that could be favorable or contrary to the fame of holiness of  
the abovementioned Servant of God.

Furthermore, having to collect, according to the legal provisions, all of  
the writings attributed to her, with the present EDICT we order those persons  
who have such writings to consign to the said Tribunal, without delay, any  
writing whose author is the Servant of God, if it has not yet been consigned to  
the Postulation of the Cause. We remind you that the term “writings” does not  
just mean the printed works which have already been collected, but any  
manuscripts, diaries, letters and every other personal writing of the Servant of  
God. Those who wish to keep the original may present a duly certified copy.

In conclusion, we decree that the present EDICT will be displayed for two  
months on the entrance of the Co-Cathedral of the Most Holy Name of Jesus  
of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem. It will be published in the Diocesan  
Bulletin as well as on the website of the Latin Patriarchate, the Custody of the  
Holy Land and that of the Poor Clares.

Given in Jerusalem, from the See of the Latin Patriarchate  
November 29, 2024  
*Feast of All Saints of the Franciscan Order*

*Daide Meli*

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