

Origin of the Pact: On March 26, 1903, the Congregation of the Little Sisters of the Assumption was 25 years old. The Superior General, Mother Mary of the Blessed Sacrament was called to court to account for the sisters' works and services among the poor of Paris. The Little Sisters were in defiance with the law which had forbidden such services.

When she was questioned by the prosecutor about the works of the Congregation, she said: *"I have never believed that in France there was a law forbidding the liberty of charity. Therefore, I paid no attention to that law."* There was silence in the courtroom following her statement.

Whereas numerous religious congregations had been persecuted or exiled from France for non-conformance to the law, Mother Mary of the Blessed Sacrament was fined one hundred (100) francs and fifty (50) francs for her companions.

The working poor who accompanied her to the courthouse carried her home on their shoulders to a celebration of friends, sisters and working poor families.



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NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION



Excerpts from the conferences of Fr. Stephen Pernet on the Feast Days of Mary. Fr. Pernet was an Assumptionist priest and founder of the Little Sisters of the Assumption.

Assumption Novena



DAY I



“Charity is not the sentiment which makes us give a piece of bread or a few cents to the needy...but charity urges us to give God to souls, to inspire them with faith, love; to make known to them all the treasures to be found in virtue”. Charity was a perfect example of the Blessed Virgin.

Feast of the Holy Rosary – October 5, 1884

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MEMORARE

REMEMBER, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to you do I come; before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

Assumption Novena



August 15th

Feast of the Assumption



PACT WITH OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

WE COME TO YOU, MARY,

WITH DEEP GRATITUDE AND COMPLETE TRUST.

WE THANK YOU FOR ALL THE GRACES RECEIVED THIS YEAR

AND ONCE MORE WE CONFIDE OUR APOSTOLIC LIFE TO YOU.

TEACH US TO SERVE CHRIST AND TO PARTICIPATE

IN HIS MISSION OF SALVATION.

WE PROMISE YOU FIDELITY TO THE PEOPLE OF GOD,

AND TO THE DEMANDS OF OUR VOCATION.

LEAD THE CONGREGATION OF

THE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE ASSUMPTION

AND ITS FAMILY IN MISSION ACCORDING TO THE PLAN OF GOD.

AMEN.

Assumption Novena



DAY 9



“Comparable to a tree which brings forth fruit of an excellent quality, she never ceased for a single instant to do good, going from one good act to another because every beating of her heart, her thoughts, sentiments, intentions — all that she said and did was inspired and animated with the most pure love of God.”

Feast of the Immaculate Conception
December 8, 1896

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DAY 2



“The Blessed Virgin’s faith was so pure, enlightened, that she saw nothing but God. Mary was beautiful with the beauty which is the result of perfect order and of open-heartedness.”

Feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin
November 21, 1884

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DAY 3



Our Lord says to you: “Rise up – go and seek out the poor, the sick, the abandoned – go to them with haste, to nurse them, to draw them out of the darkness of ignorance and evil – with a will perfectly united to mine, going from devotedness to devotedness – from one act of love to another.”

Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin
July 2, 1887

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DAY 8



“But my dear children, when, to a certain extent, you have conceived Our Lord, when you have His light in your minds, His love in your hearts, when you are capable of doing His work like the Blessed Virgin, you will leave Nazareth and go to the hill country. You will go to the poor, the sick and when you approach these souls they will feel that you bear God within you. In your own way you will communicate Jesus Christ.”

Feast of The Visitation - December 19, 1895

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DAY 7



“My dove is unique ... None can be compared to her for she was perfectly pure and immaculate from the very first moment of her life. She belonged to God alone.”

“It is well, my children, that during these days of our novena we should consider the great things God did in the Blessed Virgin, and after having paid her homage with filial love, let us hope that she will take care of us and give us a small share in her privilege.”

Conference on the Life of the Blessed Virgin
Nov 29, 1894

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DAY 4



“When she considers what God has done in her she exalts His divine goodness and mercy, and it seems to me that she asks herself; Why have I received this preference? She sees herself in the divine plan, in the eternal thought of God.”

Feast of the Immaculate Conception
December 8, 1892

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DAY 5



“Now the Blessed Virgin whose heart is so united to that of her Divine Son, participates also in His life of mercy and love – it beats in unison with that of Our Lord.”

Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
August 22 , 1894

Her Assumption gives us the certainty that a new world is being prepared. She sustains our hope and gives us the audacity to collaborate with our brothers and sisters for the transformation of humanity.

LSA Rule of Life Article 12 - Paragraph 3

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DAY 6



“Another thing you must not forget is that you must NOT have the pretention of doing things by yourselves. In this the Blessed Virgin is our model.”

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes - August 22, 1889

The Blessed Virgin gave our Savior to the world. She gives him every day. Prayer in common is so efficacious, so powerful.

Feast of the Holy Rosary - October 3, 1889

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