



His Holiness

Benedict XVI

sends best wishes to the Congregation of the

Sisters of the Sorrowful Mother

of the Third Order Regular of St. Francis of Assisi

on the occasion of the Centenary of the Death of Venerable Servant of God, Mary Frances of the Cross Streitell, who was a faithful witness of God's love, absorbed in Spiritual union with the Blessed Virgin Mary from the mystery of the Cross. The Holy Father invokes abundant graces on the Congregation so that we can live the consecrated life with passion and give service to our sisters and brothers throughout the world. The Holy Father extends a heartfelt Apostolic Blessing to the entire religious family, including our collaborators and to those who participate in this solemn celebration.

From the Vatican, March 6, 2011

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