

**English Translation of the letter from**

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Reverend Mother,

With grateful remembrance, I join with you in the celebration of the Centenary of the Death of Venerable Amalia Francesca Rosa Streitel (1844-1911), Foundress of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Sorrowful Mother, Third Order Regular of St. Francis of Assisi.

May the model of Mother Frances continue to be an inspiration to you for an intense renewal of her spirit so that you may be an important sign for humanity today. Even in this period of postmodernism, Mother Frances can inspire others to follow Christ to live dedicated, contemplative lives while providing service to the needy.

I send you and all of the sisters my best wishes, thoughts and prayers for a fruitful journey with the Church that is characterized by the humble and fervent style of Francis of Assisi, who was chosen by Mother Frances to be her model of inspiration and teacher of the Christian life.

Many Blessings,