



*Itinerary of the Icon and
the relic of St. Paul
of the Cross*

THE CONFIGURATION OF JESUS CRUCIFIED PROVINCE OF CHRIST THE KING

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“Blessed by God!” This is the phrase that best expressed the reaction of the Passionist communities of the Province of Christ the King (Mexico and the Dominican Republic) to the presence of the Relic of St. Paul of the Cross and the Icon of the Jubilee. Yes. Especially when acknowledging that it was the most significant moment of their being a Passionist Family during the “pandemic time” of the Coronavirus.

Therefore, the religious and lay people wish to express their gratitude for this congregational initiative.

We regret that – at least for now – the visit of these objects cannot continue as planned to Brazil, Argentina, and Uruguay due to the pandemic and has to temporarily remain in our Passionist community of La Paz in Santo Domingo (Dominican Republic). We hope that from July to December 2020 the Jubilee objects will be able to tour the MAPRAES Province.



Jubilaecum



GUADALAJARA - MEXICO
FROM FEBRUARY 25 TO 28

The Jubilee Icon and the Relic of St. Paul of the Cross visited our Community of O.L. of Perpetual Help, in Guadalajara, Jalisco. When we arrived, a procession took place in the streets surrounding the church with the presence of a considerable number of faithful. During these days various religious events (prayers, celebrations of the Eucharist) and other cultural events (dance festivals, choral concerts) were held. In addition to visiting our religious community, the Jubilee objects were taken to the Alberici Institute of the Daughters of the Passion of Jesus Christ, where the educational community affectionately venerated them.



EL PUEBLITO - QUERÉTARO
28 FEBRUARY

The “novitiate” Community, Blessed Dominic Barberi, received the visit of the Jubilee Icon and the Relic of St. Paul of the Cross. On arrival, in the presence of a significant number of faithful, a procession was held around the cloister, followed by a Eucharistic celebration that concluded with the veneration of the relic.

The next day, the items were brought to the villages of “El Garrañal”, “El Milagro” and “Apapátaro”, where the novices perform their weekly apostolate. On Sunday,

March 1, the Icon and the Relic were transferred to the Monastery of “San Pablo de la Cruz” of the Passionist Nuns, where it remained for a few hours. Finally, they were taken to the Basque College of Quiroga, in Celaya, Guanajuato, where the Daughters of the Passion of Jesus Christ and the educational community were visibly delighted with the presence of the Icon and the Relic.




TEQUISQUIAPAN - QUERÉTARO
MARCH 2

Fathers Victor Hugo Alvarez Hernández and Angel Antonio Pérez Rosa, accompanied by the novices, presented the Jubilee Icon of the 3rd Centenary of the Passionist Foundation to the Community of Blessed Isidore de Loor, in Tequisquiapan, Querétaro.

In the afternoon, with the presence of the Missionary Family Communities (COFAMI) and several lay people from the sites where we do ministry, there was a presentation on the life of St. Paul of the Cross. Subsequently the Eucharist was celebrated, Fr. Alexander Márquez Olivares presided, and Frs. Celso Ramírez León and Arturo Salvador Herrera concelebrated; the latter, is the Pastor of St. Mary of the Assumption.

At the end of the Mass, there was a fraternal gathering to celebrate this important anniversary.


THE COMMUNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
AND THE POSSENTI INSTITUTE
MEXICO CITY
MARCH 3

During the afternoon of Tuesday, March 3, the Jubilee objects arrived at the “postulant” Community. Subsequently, they were taken to the monastery of Our Lady of Consolation, of the Augustinian nuns, for the celebration of the Eucharist.

During the morning of March 4, the educational community of the Francisco Possenti Institute gathered in the courtyard to pay tribute to St. Paul of the Cross. They began with a procession with the Icon and the Relic. Arriving at the site set for the prayer liturgy, the students prepared a floral offering: three hundred flowers representing the three hundred years. Subsequently, other students carried flags from the countries where the Congregation is present. Then there was a performance on the life of St Paul of the Cross. After the tribute, the objects were brought to the auditorium where there was a photo gallery of the Passionist saints. There, students and teachers had the opportunity to venerate St. Paul of the Cross.




CUERNAVACA - MÉXICO
5 TO 8 MARCH

From 5 to 8 March, the Community of San Gabriel de la Dolorosa, in Cuernavaca, Morelos, received the visit of the Icon commemorating the III Centenary of the Passionist Foundation and the Relic of St. Paul of the Cross. Upon arrival, the religious went out to meet the objects, accompanied by the laity who collaborate in the Spirituality Center. On the morning of Saturday 7 March, they were taken to the Parish of Our Lady of the Rosary, where the parishioners waited eagerly. During the day, guided by the pastoral commission, the faithful venerated the objects. In the evening, a solemn Eucharist was celebrated. On the morning of Sunday 8, the Icon was transferred to the auditorium of the Spiritual Center where there was a moment of catechesis about the spiritual pillars of the Congregation. Finally, there was a celebration of the Eucharist.


FILO DE CABALLOS - MÉXICO
8 MARCH

During the afternoon of Sunday, 08 March, the Icon commemorating three hundred years of the Passionist Foundation arrived in the area of “guerrerenses”. It was received in Holy Cross Parish in Filo de Caballos by Fr. Mario Felipe Quiroga Venegas. From that moment on, both the Icon and the relic of St. Paul of the Cross were available in the parish church for the veneration of the faithful. At noon on Monday, 09 March, there was a celebration of the Eucharistic with the participation of a considerable number of people, coming from the various villages and “rancherías” to celebrate, in a deep spirit of faith and devotion, the third Centenary of the Passionist Foundation and entrust themselves to the intercession of St Paul of the Cross.


SAN JOSÉ - MEXICO CITY
10 TO 12 DE MARCH

During 10 to 12 March, we received the visit of the relic of St. Paul of the Cross and the commemorative Icon celebrating three hundred years of the Passionist Foundation. During these days, we celebrated the Eucharist and offered a catechesis on “Paul of the Cross, contemplative of Calvary”. There were also fraternal gatherings with lay people and religious. We can summarize the meaning of this visit with these words: “We, Passionists, three hundred





years since our foundation, want to renew our mission by remembering the charismatic experience of our Founder. As Paul of the Cross, we wish to be good news for humanity, especially for those who, because of incomprehension and suffering, have been more intimately associated with the Passion of Jesus Christ”.



ESCANDÓN - MEXICO CITY

12 MARCH

The reception of the commemorative objects was held on Thursday, 12 March at 5:00 PM, in the streets surrounding the Parish of the Holy Spirit and were brought to the parish church in a procession animated by the “Comparsa de Chineros” that, with their characteristic rhythm, announced to the neighbors the arrival of San Pablo de la Cruz.

When we arrived at the church, the Eucharistic celebration and veneration of the relics were held. On Saturday, 14 March, the objects were brought to the Generalate of the Daughters of the Passion of Jesus Christ who thanked God for having inspired the Passionist charism in the Church to keep alive the memory of the Crucified One.

During the afternoon of 15 March, they were brought by the Provincial Superior to the Dominican Republic. Long live St. Paul of the Cross!





LA PEÑA
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

16 MARCH

On Monday, 16 March, the relic and icon were received in the Seminary Chapel. After a moment of prayer with the religious community, they were taken to the Parish of San Luis Gonzaga, in El Cercado, where the biography of St. Paul of the Cross was presented to the faithful and the Eucharist was celebrated, the Provincial Superior presided at the Mass. The relic remained in the parish community until 18 Wednesday, when it was taken to the convent of the Passionist Sisters in Peralejos.

It is worth mentioning that, even with the threats of the coronavirus, there was good participation by the faithful who, with devotion and joy, venerated the relics of our Founder.



LA PAZ
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

19 MARCH

On 19 March, the Commemorative Icon and the Relic of St. Paul of the Cross arrived in the Community of Our Lady of Peace. Although several activities had been planned to venerate our Founder, both in the parishes and in the schools, they had to be cancelled due to the Coronavirus pandemic and the confinement indications given by the authorities of the Dominican Republic. For this reason, the objects remained in the chapel of the religious community until 23 May, when they were sent to continue their journey through the Passionist communities in the rest of the world.

