

BIOGRAPHY

Margaret Mary Alacoque was born of good parents in a village of the diocese of Autun, and even from her early years gave signs of her future sanctity. Burning with love for the Virgin Mother of God and for the august Sacrament of the Eucharist, as young woman she vowed her virginity to God. When she had entered the Order of the Visitation, she began to shine at once with the brightness of the religious life. She was adorned by God with the highest gifts of prayer, with other gifts of grace and with frequent visions. The most celebrated was this: when she was praying before the Eucharist, Jesus shewed himself to her with his Heart burning with flames and encircled with thorns, in his open breast, and he commanded that, in return for such love and to expiate the injuries of ungrateful men, she was to strive to institute the public cult of this Heart, promising in return great treasures of heavenly grace. She was famous for her religious perfection and, by the contemplation of divine things, each day she became more united with her heavenly Bridegroom. To him she went in the forty-third year of her age, in 1690. Renowned for miracles, she was numbered among the Saints by Benedict XV. Pope Pius XI extended her Office to the universal Church.



St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

ST. MARGARET MARY VIRGIN

FEAST DAY:
17 OCTOBER (1962)
16 OCTOBER (1969)

COLLECT

- Lord Jesus Christ, Who to the blessed virgin Margaret Mary didst in a wondrous manner reveal the unsearchable riches of Thy Heart: by her merits grant, that loving Thee after her example in all things and above all things, we may obtain an abode in Thy Heart for evermore: Who Livest and Reignest with God the Father, in the Unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. Amen

PRAYER TO ST. MARGARET MARY

Saint Margaret Mary, thou who wast made a partaker of the Divine Treasures of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, obtain for us, we beseech thee, from this Adorable Heart, the graces we need so sorely. We ask these favours of thee with unbounded confidence. May the Divine Heart of Jesus be pleased to bestow them upon us through thy intercession, so that once again He may be loved and glorified through thee. Amen.
Pray for us, O blessed Margaret; That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

○ Lord Jesus Christ, Who didst wondrously open the unsearchable riches of Thy Heart to blessed Margaret Mary, the virgin: grant unto us, by her merits and our imitation of her, that we may love Thee in all things and above all things, and may be worthy to have our everlasting dwelling in the Same Sacred Heart: who livest and reignest, world without end. Amen.