

# Sister Mary Theresa of Jesus, Clarissa Nun Part 2

1878 - 1948

PURGATORY

“After various mysterious episodes of the door bell of the sacristy of the Covent of the Clarissa Nuns in San Leonardo, Montefalco, Perugia, Italy, a soul left money for sufferings, on October 30 in the middle of the night, the Mother Superior, Sister Mary Theresa of Jesus heard a voice outside her bedroom saying: ‘The doorbell of the sacristy rang.’ She went to answer and the Mother Superior heard: ‘I leave these alms.’ However, Sister Mary Theresa of Jesus interrupted and said, ‘By the orders of the confessor I cannot accept this. In the name of God and by the orders of the confessor, tell me who are you; are you a priest?’ ‘Yes.’ was the answer. ‘Were the goods that you squandered from this convent?’ ‘No, but I have permission to bring the alms here.’ ‘And from where do you get the money?’ ‘The judgment of God is just.’ was the answer. Then the Mother Superior said: ‘I hardly believe that you are a soul; I always tend to believe that it is some kind of joke.’ ‘Do you want a sign?’ ‘No, because I am afraid. I will call someone else, right away...’ responded Mary Theresa. ‘No, I am not allowed to show anyone else.’ added the voice.

“The displays of the soul from purgatory were numerous and the last one occurred on November 9<sup>th</sup>. Upon the Christian greeting of the Mother Superior, the voice responded: ‘May you

be eternally blessed. I thank you and the religious community: I am freed from every pain.’ ‘And have the priests said more Masses?’ ‘I thank you all.’ ‘I would like to go to purgatory where you are, I would feel secure there...’ said the Mother Superior. ‘I will ask the Most High.’ was the response. ‘Will you pray for me, for the community, for my parents, if they are in purgatory, for the confessor, for Father Luigi Bianchi, for the Pope and the Bishop and the Cardinal Ascalesi?’ ‘Yes. May God bless you all.’”

During this last visit I realized the voice was very happy. The soul had brought in total three hundred Italian lire in twenty eight visits and they went towards thirty-eight Masses.

The ecclesiastic authorities began a canonization process based on these events. The original facts are preserved in the curia of the Archbishop of Spoleto. These facts “result in proof of sufficient historical certainty that a soul from purgatory came to the convent of the Franciscans of San Leonardo in Montefalco.” Sister Mary Theresa of Jesus (1878-1948), the only one to hear the words of this soul, died during her canonization process. On February 18, 1942, with the permission of the archbishop, the religious woman offered herself up to God for the priests, for peace, for people’s disorders, and the blasphemers.



One of the banknotes left by the soul of the deceased priest.

