

LAST WILL AND LETTER OF MO. MARGUERITE TO THE SERVANTS

My very dear daughters in our Lord...

Since I cannot leave you anything of my own, I will bequeath you as a precious heritage what our mutual Father has left us. If only I could have collected everything! I am sorry about that! It was impossible to do so because of the trials and continual illnesses which our Good Master willed to send me.

Dear daughters, my final wish and last recommendation to you is to maintain, preserve and spread around you, in this dear little society of Servants, our **Blessed Father's spirit of faith and love for the most Holy Eucharist**; that is, his spirit of kindness and charity toward one's neighbour; his humility, his modesty, his love for the simple and hidden life in everything that concerned him personally.

Following his example, my dear daughters, be generous in the service of the Master, kind toward everyone, humble and emptied of self, never lifting yourselves up, remembering that a Servant cannot, nor should not, seek personal glory for anything.

Yes! May the Spirit of our Father always reign among you. Never forget what he has done for us; the happiness of having known him, of having been nourished by his holy words, formed by him for the religious life. Rejoice in the favour of being part of this little Eucharistic family, to which he has given birth and which developed at his side, in our Divine Master's sight.

Esteem and love your precious vocation. May its initial spirit be communicated to future Servants! That is my wish for you, dear daughters. May Our Lord be pleased with it and bless it through the hands of His holy Mother. This blessing will please our Father and will be followed with his own.

My dear daughters, I dare to add my own to it, and say that I am your loving and devoted mother in Jesus and Mary.

From our Mother house in Angers, Saturday, August 28, 1869

(signed) **Sister Marguerite of the Blessed Sacrament**
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