



**LITTLE
FLOWERS FOR
THE MONTH
OF MAY**

First Little Flower

**Father Raimundo dos
Anjos Beirão**

The result of Father Beirão's long travels from town to town led to a great increase in the number of Sister, but the sources of income did not grow proportionately. It is understandable that, being the beginning of the foundation, they were in great need, so much so that, in St. Patrick, the Sisters began to work as nurses to meet the needs of that time and to help support the newly founded Congregation. Father Beirão felt that he was the guardian, the defender and the Father of all the Sisters and he was always ready for any work or sacrifice in order to improve the financial situation of the Community.

The chronicler tells us that, all the money he received for the works of his ministry, he would give it promptly to Sister Maria Clara and he would ask her to keep him informed of their needs, and he felt happy when he could satisfy them.

Father Raimundo had boundless trust in God. His testimony gives us the exact measure of his invincible trust and faith in God who feeds the sparrows and clothes the lilies of the field. God's loving protection was deeply felt at every moment of his long life.

*Trust is a golden path
to heaven*

In this flower, we will try to see what the first chronicler of the Congregation relates about the confidence of Father Raimundo dos Anjos Beirão; she also testifies that it was with an untiring zeal that he went about almost all over the country, guiding souls spiritually and, wherever he went, he left a testimony of a true apostle of Christ, by his name and his virtues.

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Second Little Flower

Sr. Mercia Piedade Pais

She was born in
Cuncolim - Goa on 24
September 1940.

Daughter of Catholic
parents, she had a
great desire to be a
religious and made
her temporary
profession on 3rd
June 1963 and
perpetual profession
on 3rd June 1969.

We want to highlight,
in this little flower, a
great virtue in the life
of Sister Mercia.

She was a person
of deep
PRAYER.

One day this Sister expressed that there is a candle in every soul, burning intensely. She said that in some people this candle does not burn, because they are dark and cold souls. We need to be a beacon shining strongly for those who live in darkness. God has chosen us to pray for them and serve them. Sr. Mercia Pais served the Congregation in many ways, doing household chores, animating the community, a generous and tender-hearted social worker, doing pastoral work, visiting the sick in the families, helping the poor, etc. As animator of various fraternities, she was a sure and faithful guide, instructing the sisters in their religious duties and teaching them to discover their talents and use them for the good of humanity.

She was simple, humble and unassuming by nature. A person with a big heart. She was a zealous worker for the Snehadaan Home in Ponda. She managed to get many donations for the most vulnerable children. With an indomitable spirit, she never missed an opportunity to be with the suffering people of the locality wherever she was transferred.

Towards the end of her life, she spent most of her time in silent prayer, preparing to meet her beloved Jesus in heaven. She was called to her eternal reward on May 31, 2020. She is still remembered today with great love and gratitude for her selfless service, especially to the poor and suffering.

