

April 5

Saint Maria Crescentia Hoss

Good day, good people. May the Lord give you peace!

Many of the guests who have visited us traveled widely during their lifetimes. Nothing could be further from the truth in the life of Saint Maria Crescentia Hoss; she was born, entered the convent and died. This is not to say that Maria was not busy about the Lord's work and with distinction. She held many positions of leadership within the monastery: Porter, Novice Mistress and Superior.



She was amazing in her clarity of thought regarding the focus of the sisters under her leadership. Her "agenda" was (1) unlimited trust in divine providence; (2) readiness in the acts of the common life; (3) love of silence; (4) devotion to Jesus, the Eucharist and the Blessed Mother. This was Maria's version of Management by Objectives!

How much we can learn from the life and example of Maria. The simplicity of her life and the profound teachings serve as a call to faith for all of us. Any one of her focus points for the sisters in her community would be a worthy reflection and meditation for us during Lent. God provides such "prophets" for us even in our day. May we be disposed to listen and respond.

Let us pray.

Lord God, you never cease to amaze us by your actions in our world. Over and over again we are astounded by your creativity and innovative actions. Things we would never expect happen according to your plan. We thank you for this. It reminds us of your presence and affirms us in your Providence. May we continue to look for your actions in the world and celebrate you – and them – always. We pray this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your son, who lives with you and the Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

Saint Maria Crescentia Hoss is a friend of God, the company we welcome today.