

A Transformative Experience on Saint Emily's Feast

I have just returned from celebrating the Feast of Saint Emily, and I felt compelled to share a profound experience from today. The celebration was as joyous as ever, but one particular moment stood out. The priest introduced a unique idea that resonated deeply with me and with all of us, I am sure.

Instead of delivering a traditional homily, he invited us into a moment of silence to remember a deceased sister and engage in a heartfelt conversation with her. This experience allowed us to connect not just with our immediate past but also with the founding days of our Congregation and the time of Saint Emily herself. Throughout the Mass, the priest emphasized that these sisters are with us, protecting us, and participating in our celebration.

This experience felt incredibly real and deeply moving. Listening to my sisters recount the virtues of those who had passed with whom they had the conversation, filled my heart with immense gratitude. It was enriching to hear stories of dedication and love for our charism, which has been faithfully upheld since the time of Saint Emily.

Saint Emily, in her letters to Fr. Bourgade in 1846, wrote: "I can only thank my Heavenly Spouse for having chosen me to carry His cross; it is sweet when one has the hope of being loved by Him." This sentiment rings true for all of us. We are deeply united in the joy of living out her charism, feeling her guidance and love in our daily lives.

This celebration reminded me of the enduring presence and influence of those who came before us, reinforcing the bond we share through our faith and dedication to Saint Emily's legacy.

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