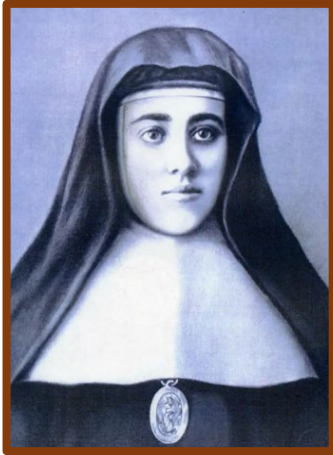


**Venerable Coloma Antonia Marti y Valls**  
**(Spain) 1860-1889**  
*Infirmiry nurse*  
*Poor Clares of Divine Providence*



**Coloma Antonia Marti y Valls** was born on June 26, 1860, in Badalona, in the diocese of Barcelona, Spain, into a deeply religious Christian family.

She felt the call to religious life at age 11. Obedient to the opposition of her father, she awaited the right moment to enter the Monastery, exhibiting great patience.

She joined the Poor Clares of Divine Providence on October 2, 1882, in Badalona, Spain, at the age of 22.

She made her first vows in 1883, taking the name Sister Francesca of the Wounds of Jesus. (Francesca delle Piaghe di Gesu). She made her final profession on September 29, 1891, at the age of 31. She subsequently served as a teacher, infirmiry nurse, sacristan, choir director and novice mistress. She formed young women in true love for our Lord, true devotion and observance of religious life.

She had a deep devotion to Jesus in His Passion on the Way of the Cross and an equally intense love for the Blessed Virgin Mary. She recited frequently the Rosary, the crown of Our Lady of Sorrows and the chaplet of the twelve stars. She was known for her charity to her sisters and her spirit of penance for the sins of the world and for her deep contemplative prayer life.

Sister Francesca of the Wounds of Jesus died on June 4, 1889, at the age of 39, in the monastery of the Poor Clares in Badalona, Barcelona, Spain, of endocarditis, an inflammation of the heart. She was buried at the convent of the Poor Clares of Divine Providence in Badalona.

The fame of her holiness of life spread extensively after her death, to the point that her tomb was left untouched during the destruction of convents during the persecutions of the Spanish Civil War (1936-1939).<sup>3</sup>

She was declared venerable by the promulgation of the decree of heroic virtue on May 19, 2018, by His Holiness Pope Francis.<sup>4</sup>

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