



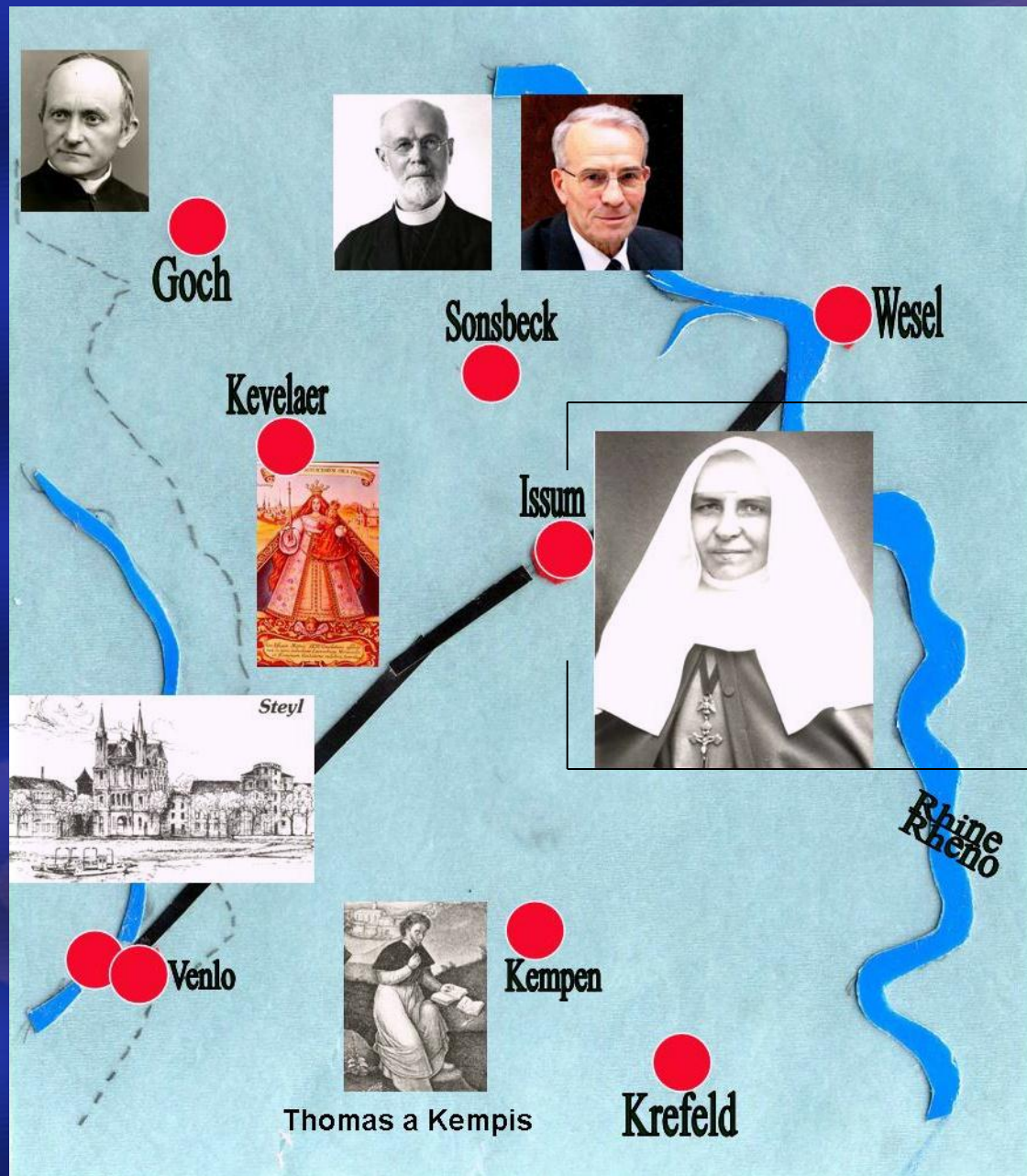
M. Josefa Stenmanns



1852 - 1903

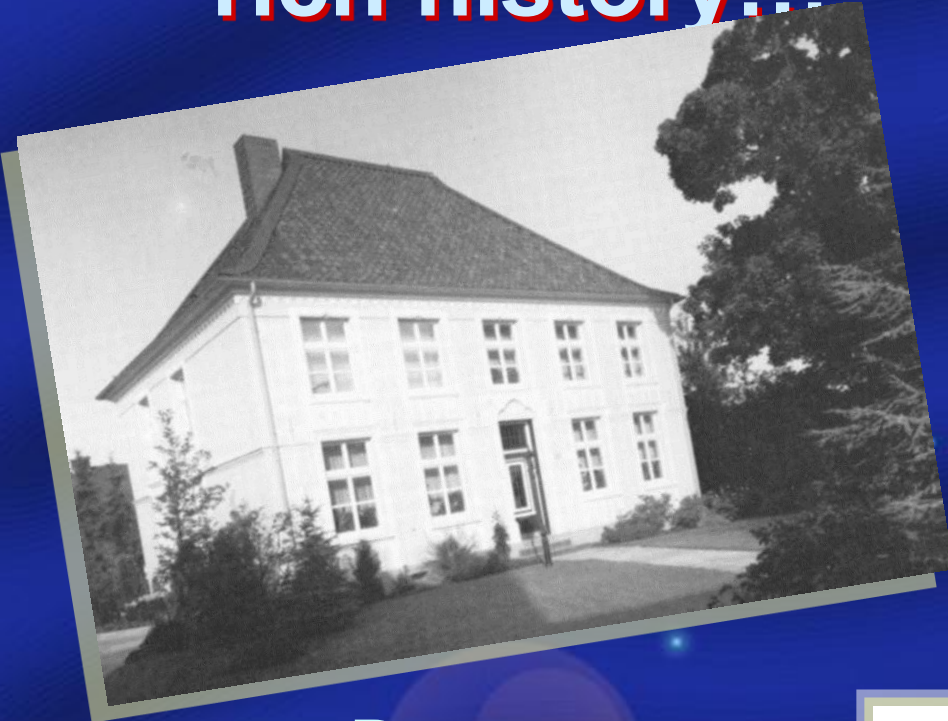
Life and Spirituality

Mother
Josepha
came
from
Issum
Basso
Rhenania

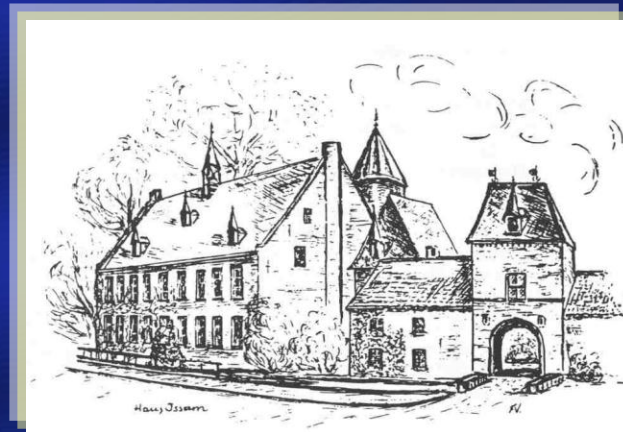


Issum has a long,
rich history...

House in Issum:



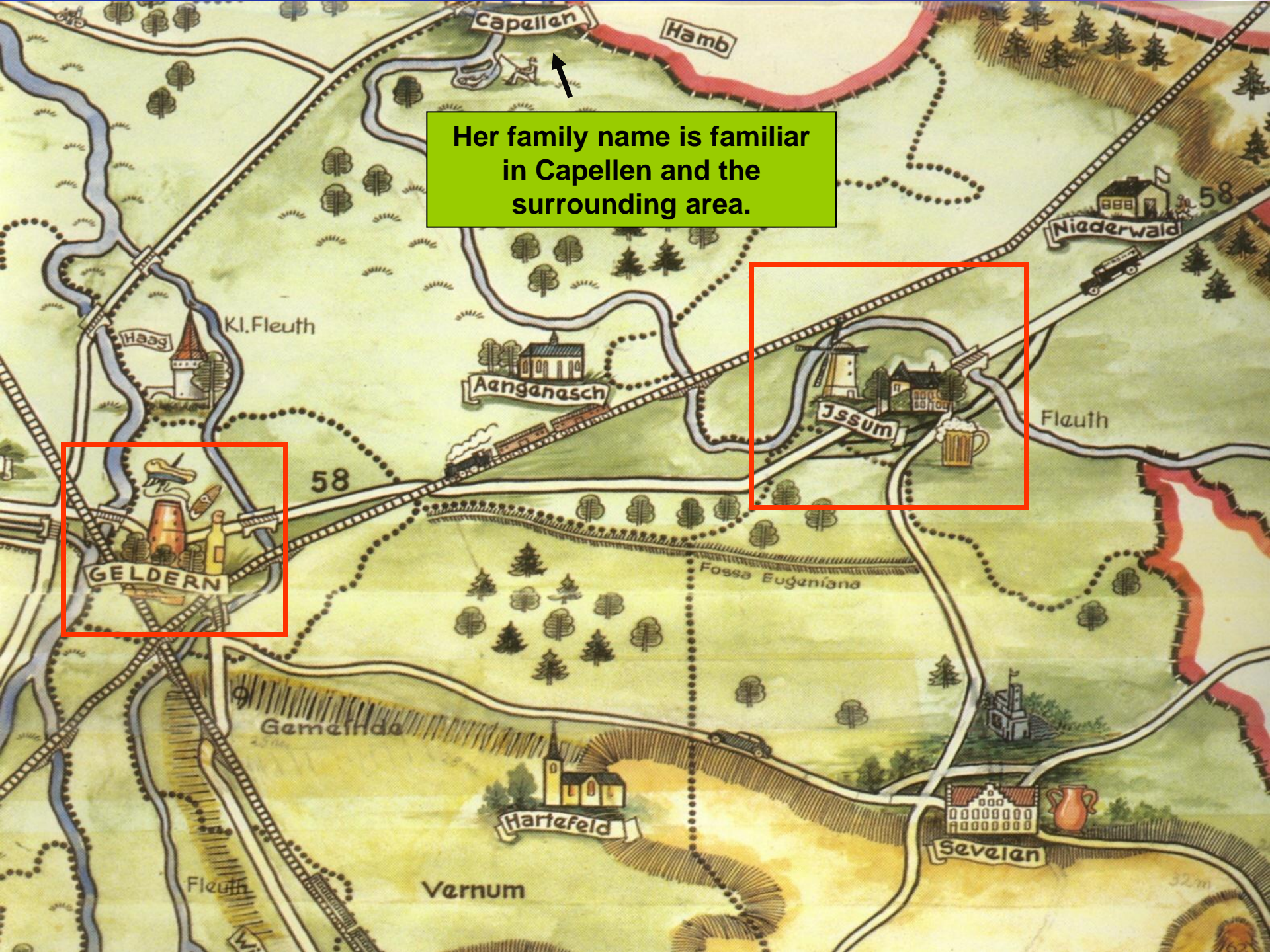
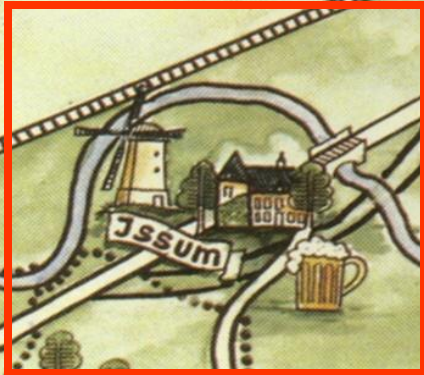
Rectory



Hendrina Stenmanns
was born
May 28th 1852.



Her family name is familiar in Capellen and the surrounding area.

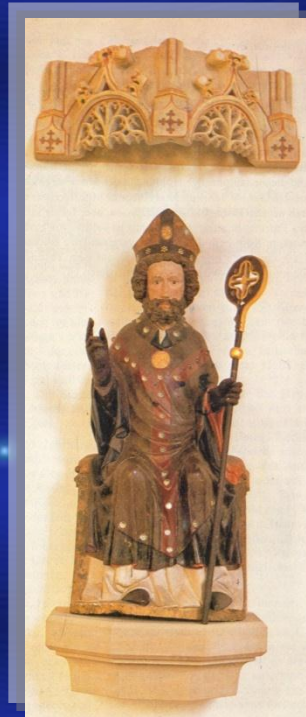


The Paternal Home

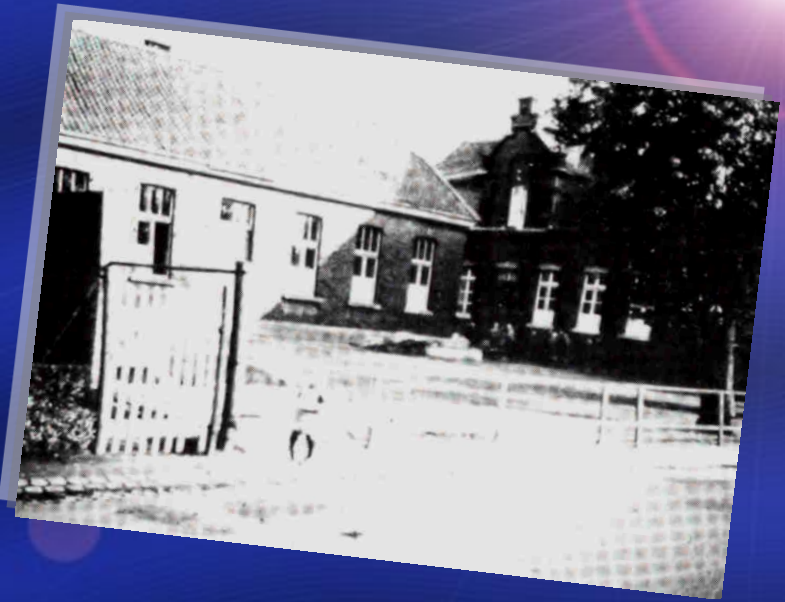
The paternal home is located in Lamerong, today known as Nordring.



The day after her birth, Hendrina was baptized in the parish church, St. Nicholas.

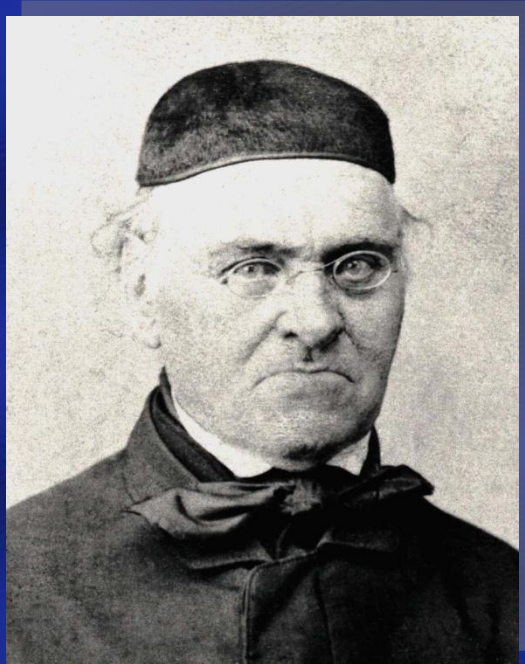


From 1858 – 1866, Hendrina attended the local Catholic elementary school.



The Prussian King, Friedrich Wilhelm IV, insisted on the religious education of the children.





1865 (Grüner Buch 1865.)
13 April
Wiland Sprünken geb. 23 April 51
Wilh Walbrand geb. 20 Januari: Johanna van der Hooyen. 5. Maj 50
Johann Leiker geb. 26 Sept. 51 2 Margaretha Ramacher 30. Juni 50
Hein. Ballmann 26 Sept. 51 3 Maria Buschheim. 21. April 51
Joh. Hülsemann. 8 Sept 51 4 Hendrina Steegmann 28. Maj 52
Gerhard Cox geb. 2 Januari. 52 5 Gertrud Köpf 22 Juni 51
Hermann Brendtloos. 1. Feb. 52 6 Helena Mölter 24. Sept. 52
Wilh v. d. Velden 19. Feb. 52 7 Gertrud Möder 5. Feb. 52
Laurentij van Stallen 10. April 52
Hein. Hoever 24 April 52
Jacob Bolten 25 Nov. 52
Hein. Köpf 29 Juni. 52
Hein. Verlinden 20 Juni 51
Wilh. Killisch 10 Sept 52
14



On April 13, 1865, Hendrina received her first Holy Communion. She was well prepared by the parish priest, Anton Steegmann.

12. Entlassungs-Prüfung den 3. März. 1866.

1. Maria Christ. Hannen geb. 9. Febr. 1852.

2. Petr. Joan. Molbings " 17 März "

Entlassungs-Prüfung den 21. März 1866.

1. Anstoets Herw. geb. 11. Febr. "

2. van der Velde Mith. " 19 " "

3. van Straalen Laurentz " 18 Sept. "

4. Dellbeck Gertr. Bernhardina " 4 März "

5. Schnepfels Egidilla " 17 " "

6. Hemmans Hendr. " 24 " "

7. Böder Gertr. " 5 Sept. "

8. Vöps Heinr. " 19 Junij "

9. Hoever Petr. Heinr. " 24 Julij "

10. Hillich Mith. " 12. Sept. "

11. Mölvers Joanna " 29. " "

12. Bollen Jacob " 25. Nov. "

13. Molbings Mith. (Lorden) " 26. März "

14. Arnold Sprenger " 25 Julij "

15. Anna Cathr. Hemmans " 25 " "

- On March 21, 1866, she took her final examination in elementary school.

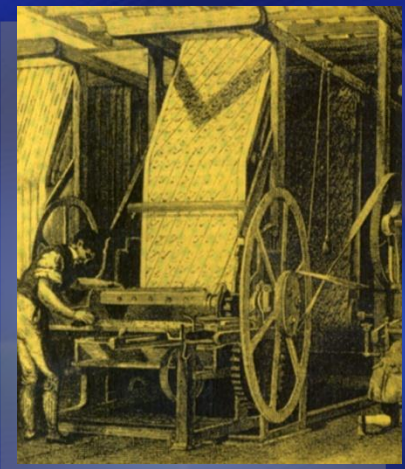
- On August 22, 1867, Hendrina was confirmed by Auxiliary Bishop, Johannes Boßmann.



The formation was going on

- She received on-going spiritual formation through participation in the Associations and from reading recommended books and magazines.





- After completing the elementary school, Hendrina worked for 18 years as a silkweaver.

Attention to the needs of other

- Already as a child, Hendrina had an eye for the needs of others. She helped through her work of service and with her financial savings.





- Good people gave her money and food which she carried to the poor. Hendrina became the “benefactress” of her village.



In her early youth, Hendrina felt the call to follow Christ as a Franciscan Sister.



Jesus! Maria! Joseph! Nicolaus!



Zur christlich-frommen Andenken

an die wohlachtbare

Anna Maria Wallboom,

welche zu Issum am 1. December 1878, Nachmittags gegen sechs Uhr, nach kurzem Krankenlager, zuvor versehen und gestärkt durch den andächtigen Empfang der hl. Sacramente, in Folge einer Lungenentzündung sanft und gottselig im Herrn entschlafen ist.

Die Verstorbene war im Jahre 1825 am 30. Dec. auf der Buckend, in der Pfarre Geldern, geboren, verheirathete sich am 10. Mai 1851 mit dem sie nun überlebenden WILHELM FRANZ STENMANS und war Mutter von sieben Kindern, von denen zwei ihr bereits im Tode vorangegangen sind.

Durchdrungen von den Wahrheiten der heil. Religion, und bestrebt, ihr Leben nach dem Glauben zu ordnen, erfüllte sie stets alle Pflichten, die sie Gott, sich selbst und den Nächsten gegenüber zu erfüllen hatte, mit Gewissenhaftigkeit und Treue. Mag daher auch der Tod, ohne eine längere, ernstlichere Krankheit vorangeschickt zu haben, bei ihr gleichsam unvermuthet eingetreten sein, — wir dürfen hoffen, dass er sie nicht unvorbereitet getroffen hat und dass ihre Seele nunmehr im andern Leben genießt den Lohn der Treue, den Gott den Gerechten zugesichert hat.

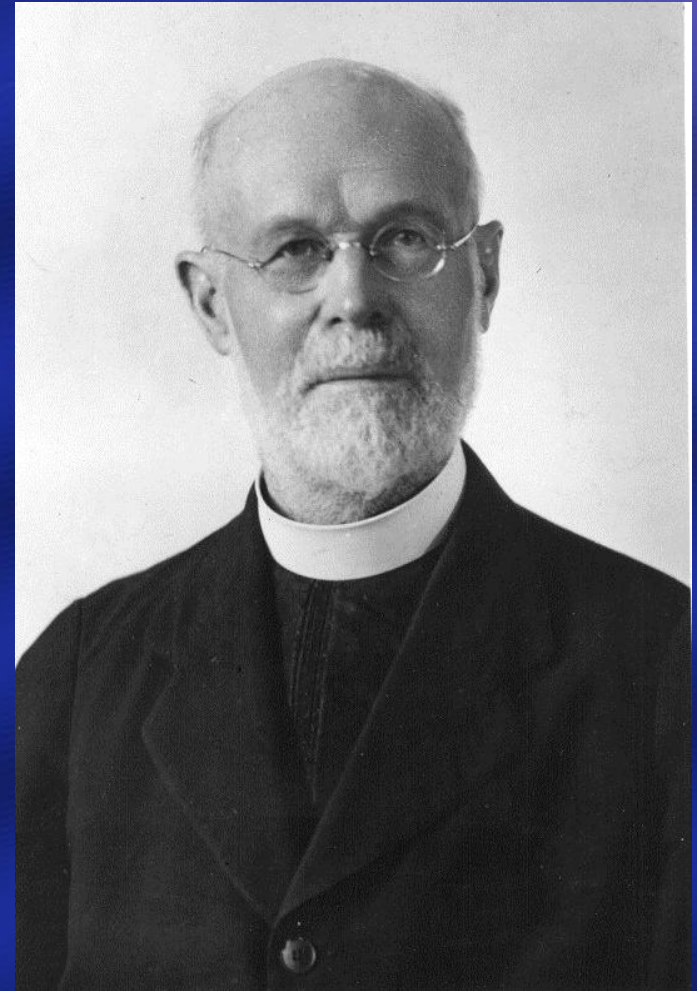
Nichts desto weniger wollen die trauernden Hinterbliebenen es nicht unterlassen, ihre liebe Seele dem Opfer der Priester und dem Gebete der Gläubigen recht angelegentlichst zu empfehlen, damit sie um so sicherer ruhen möge in Gottes heil. Frieden.

On December 1, 1878,
her mother died.
Hendrina promised her
dying mother to care for
her younger brother and
sisters.

At the age of 19 or 20, she became a tertian of the Third Order of St. Francis, belonging to the Fraternity of Capellen.



Through Lambert Welbers, an apprentice of her father, Hendrina learned about the Missionhouse in Steyl.



P. Lambert Welbers SSJ

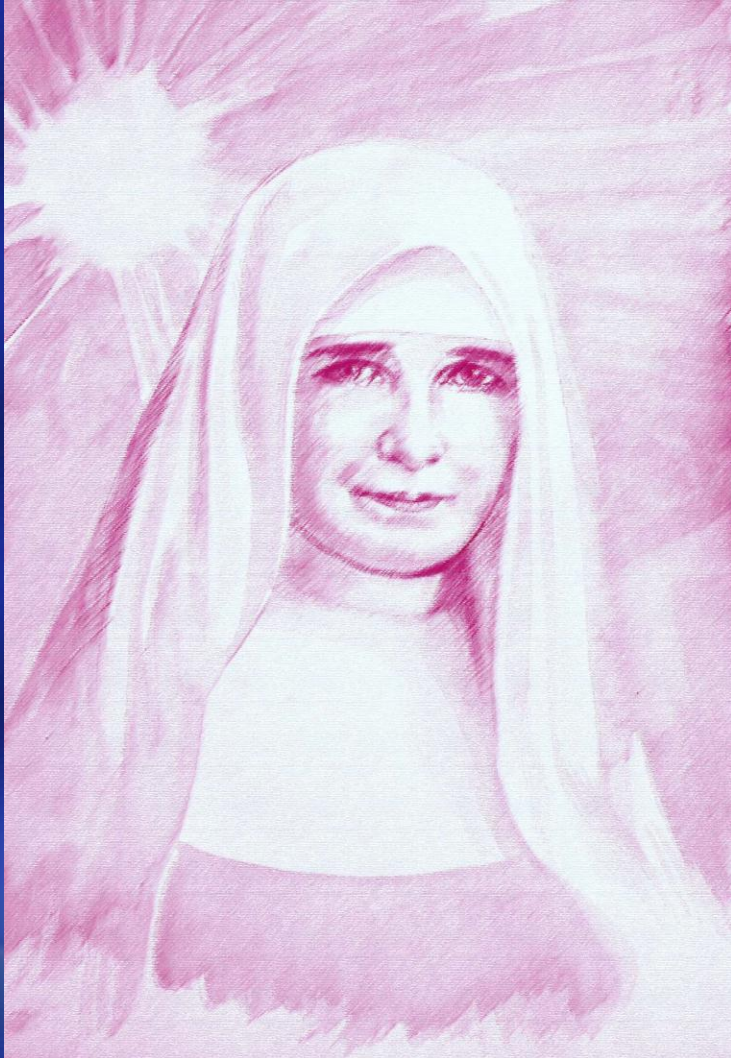


The contact with Steyl

Visiting Steyl for the first time, for the Forty Hours Devotion, she met Theresia Sicke, the future Sr. Anna.



Helena Stollenwerk



On her second visit, she met three helpers of the Sisters in the kitchen of the Missionhouse.

She learned that they waited for the foundation of a Mission Congregation for Sisters.

The Chaplain Veels
recommended her.



Her Arrival in Steyl

On February 12, 1884,
Hendrina arrived in
Steyl and there waited
for the foundation of
the SSpS



The First House

The four servant women moved to the Convent of the “Three Lindens” on July 14, 1888.



Villa de Rijk

Later, on December 7, 1889, they moved to the Villa de Rijk, a former refugee place for French Cappuchins.

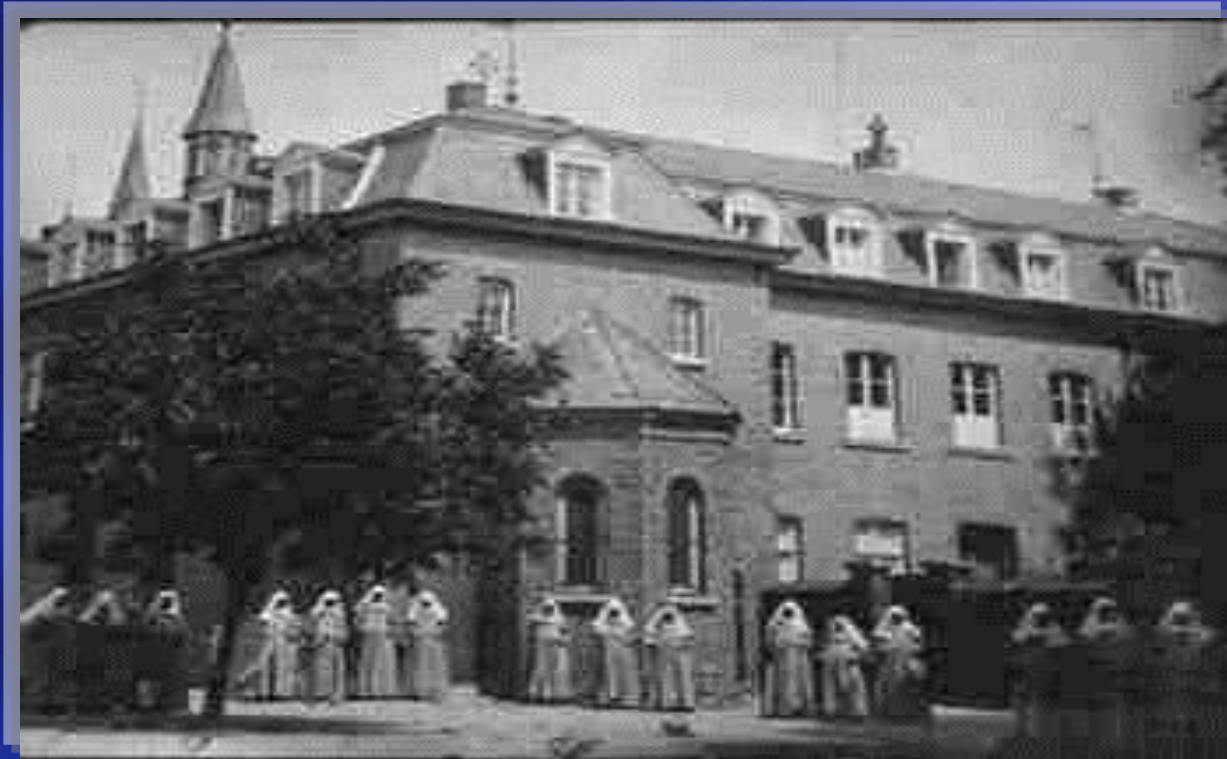


The Cradle of the Congregation

On September 27, 1890, the women moved to the Notre Dame Convent which became the “Cradle of the Congregation”.



The Blue Sister



Hendrina received the blue habit and the name “Sister Josepha” on January 17 1892.

The Noviciate

A year later, on 15 January 1893, St. Arnold Janssen gave the Sisters the first Constitutions, marking the beginning of the novitiate.



First Vows

Hendrina, Sister
Josepha, professed first
vows for seven years on
March 12, 1894.





On September 8, 1901, she professed her final vows.

Qualities

Mother Josepha was

- a good teacher,
- a talented organizer,
- a loving housekeeper.



St. Arnold entrusted to her

- the initiation of the young women into religious life
- the responsibility for the house
- the responsibility for the Sisters' work for the printing press



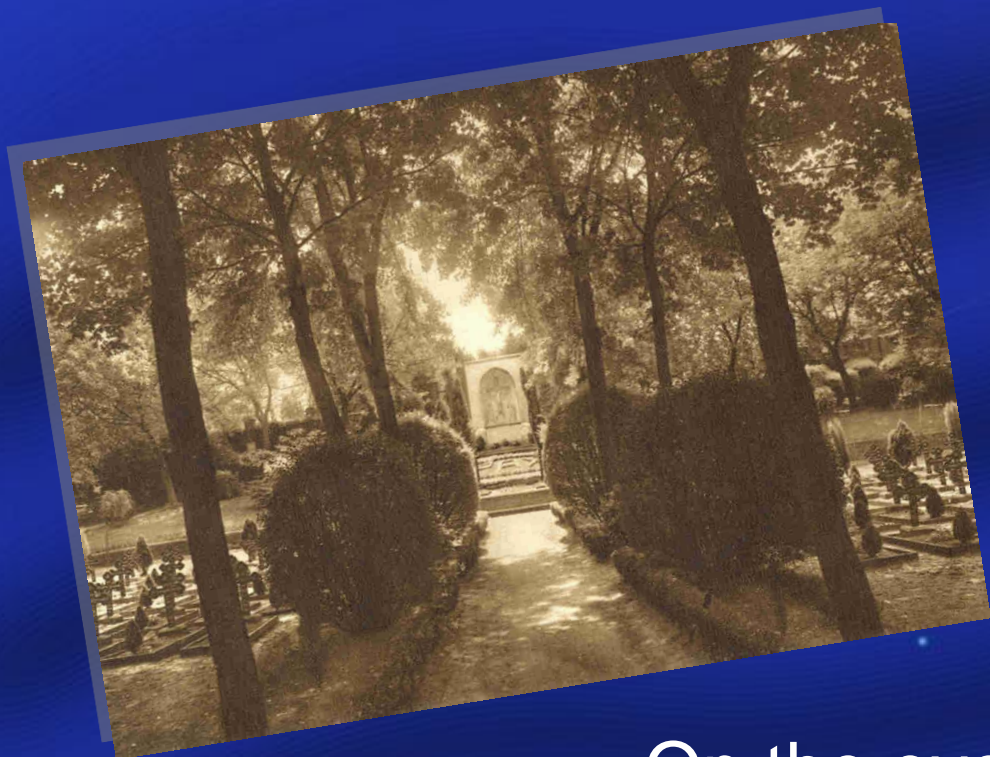
Along with Blessed Mother Maria, she had the joy of sending the first Sisters to Argentina, Togo, and New Guinea. She also sent the first Sisters to the United States and Brazil, and there were plans for other countries as well.



The Leader of the Congregation

After Mother Maria had entered to the clausure then Father Arnold assigned Mother Josepha as the superior of the missionaries.





On 20 May 1903,
Mother Josepha died.
Her first tomb was in
the cemetery of the
Notre Dame Convent.



On the evening of 7-8
February 1907, her
remains were
transferred to the
cemetery of the Sacred
Heart Convent, Steyl.



The baptismal grace of new life

The “information” stage in the process toward beatification took place from 1950-1952. During this period, the focus was on how Mother Josepha lived her baptismal grace in Christ.



Between the years 1956-1991, the life and writings of mother Josepha were examined by authorities in Rome.



An Exemplary Christian Life

On May 14, 1992, Pope John Paul II declared that Mother Josepha lived her baptismal call in an exemplary way.



L Spiritualità di Madre Josefa



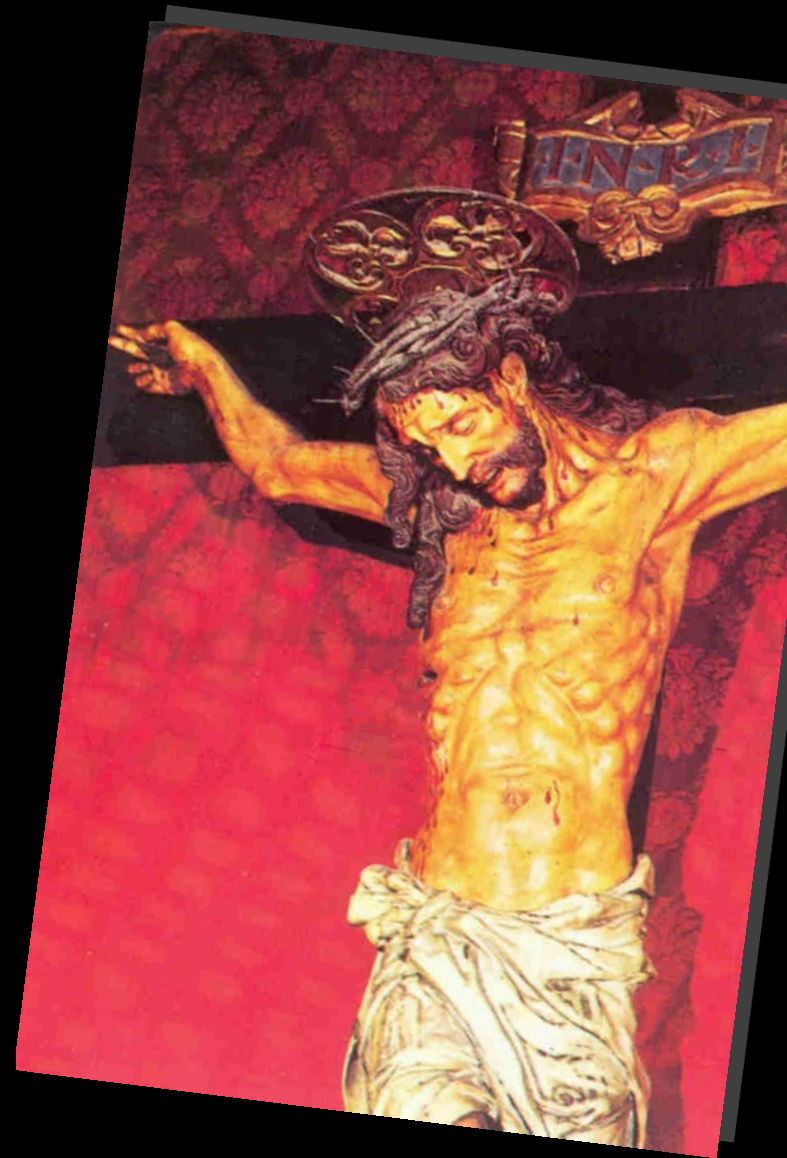
The Spirituality of Mother Josepha

Mother Josepha grew in the spirituality of her baptism and confirmation which the Catholic parishes of the time nurtured.



She got additional help available at her time, by participating Associations, Unions, Societies and Third Orders of Congregations

Hendrina was a member of the Confraternity of the Agony of Christ which was affiliated with the corresponding Archconfraternity in Rome.

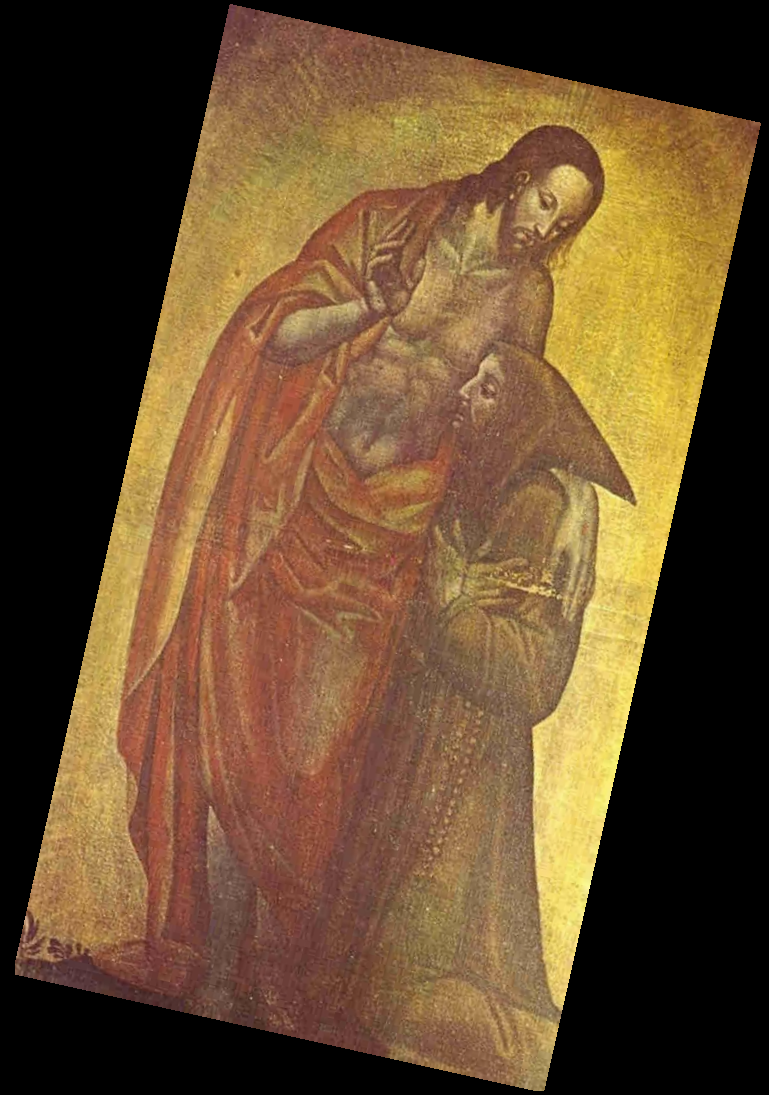


She was also a member of the Confraternity of the Most Pure Heart of Mary which was affiliated with the Archconfraternity in Paris. Later, she also became a member of the Fraternity of the Scapular.



Herz - Mariä - Bruderschaft

- Hendrina was a tertian of the Secular, Third Order of St. Francis.
- Probably also jointed other associations in the parish

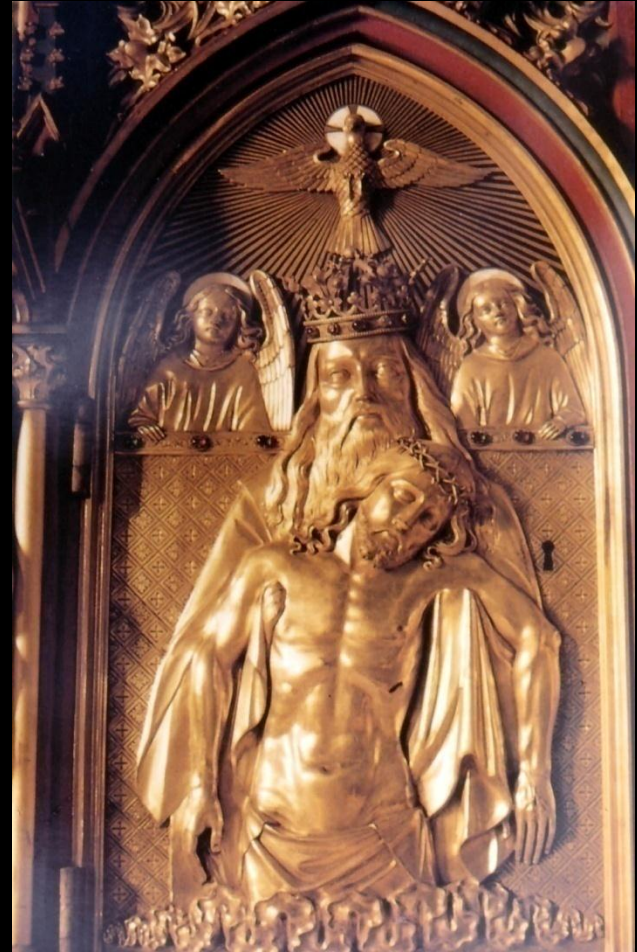


Hendrina practiced her faith in simple, concrete ways:

- She became the “mother” in her family on the death of her mother.
- She helped the needy and the poor.
- She consoled the dying.
- She supported a candidate for the priesthood.
- She became a co-foundress of a Mission Congregation.
- She participated in all the work of the Convent Community.

God – The Father

- For Hendrina, God was a loving Father who cares for His children.
- Therefore, have “Courage and Trust”.
When God sends a cross,
“Your will be done!”



Christ

She venerated Christ through many devotions:

- the Heart of Jesus, with all its riches



Christ

She venerated Christ through many devotions:

- the Heart of Jesus, with all its riches
- **the Name of Jesus**



Christ

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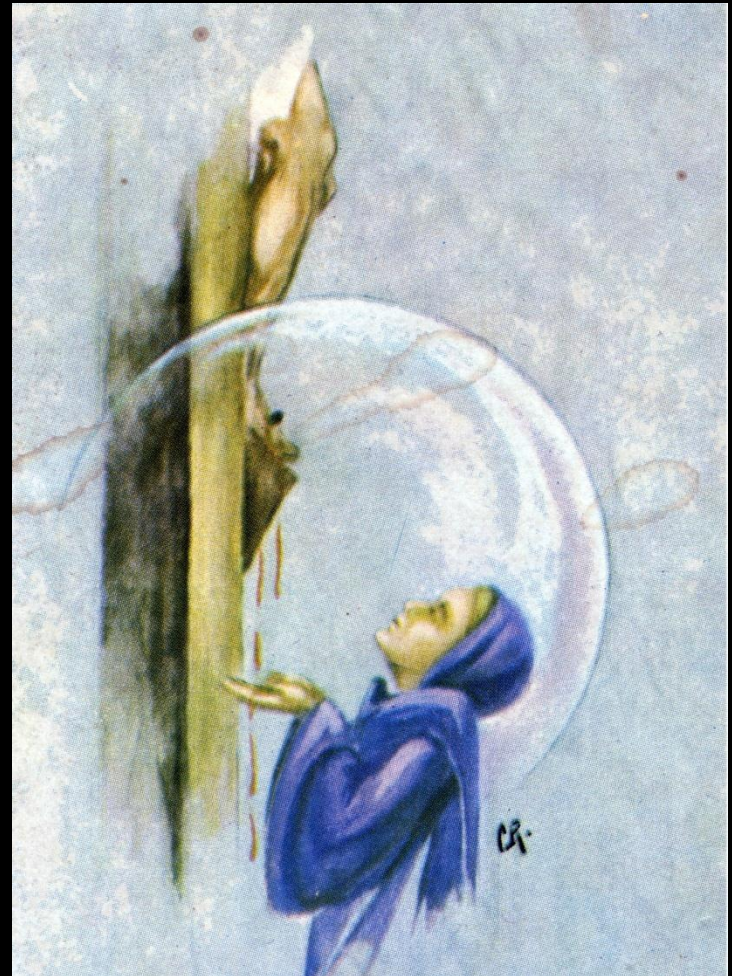
- the Heart of Jesus, with all its riches
- the Name of Jesus
- **the Infant Jesus of Prague**



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She venerated Christ through many devotions:

- the Heart of Jesus, with all its riches
- the Name of Jesus
- the Infant Jesus of Prague
- **the Precious Blood**



Christ

She venerated Christ through many devotions:

- the Heart of Jesus, with all its riches
- the Name of Jesus
- the Infant Jesus of Prague
- the Precious Blood
- **the humble worker**



Christ

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- the Heart of Jesus, with all its riches
- the Name of Jesus
- the Infant Jesus of Prague
- the Precious Blood
- the humble worker
- **the sewer of the Word**



Christ

She venerated Christ through many devotions:

- the Heart of Jesus, with all its riches
- the Name of Jesus
- the Infant Jesus of Prague
- the Precious Blood
- the humble worker
- the sewer of the Word
- **the Good Shepherd**



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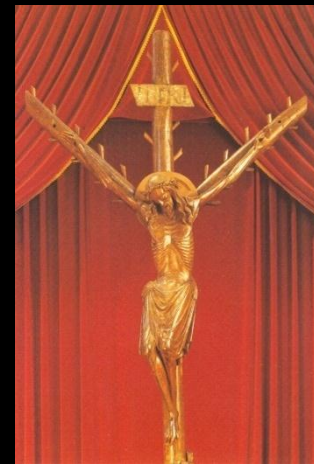
- the Heart of Jesus, with all its riches
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- the sewer of the Word
- the Good Shepherd
- **the bearer of the cross**



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- the Good Shepherd
- the bearer of the cross
- **the crucified**



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- the Good Shepherd
- the bearer of the cross
- the crucified
- **the dying seed**



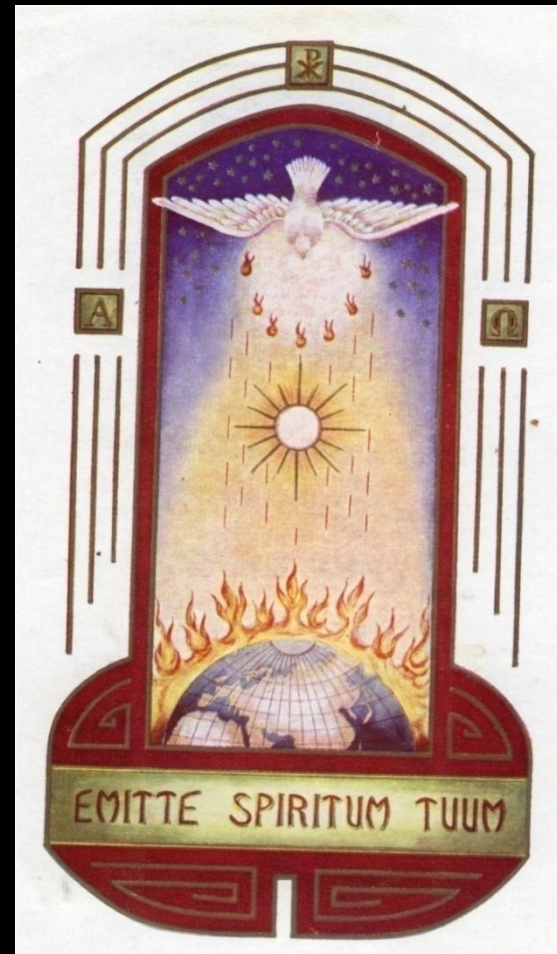
Mother Josepha distinguished herself through a great devotion and love for Eucharistic adoration

- in the many hours of the night
- on Sundays and feastdays
- on special occasions praying for the intentions of St. Arnold

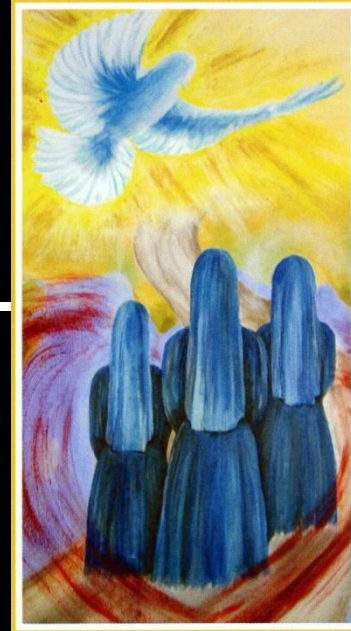


She nurtured a special love for the Holy Spirit.

- To His love, and for His glorification, she dedicated her life.
- She called upon the Holy Spirit, in all situations, for light and strength.



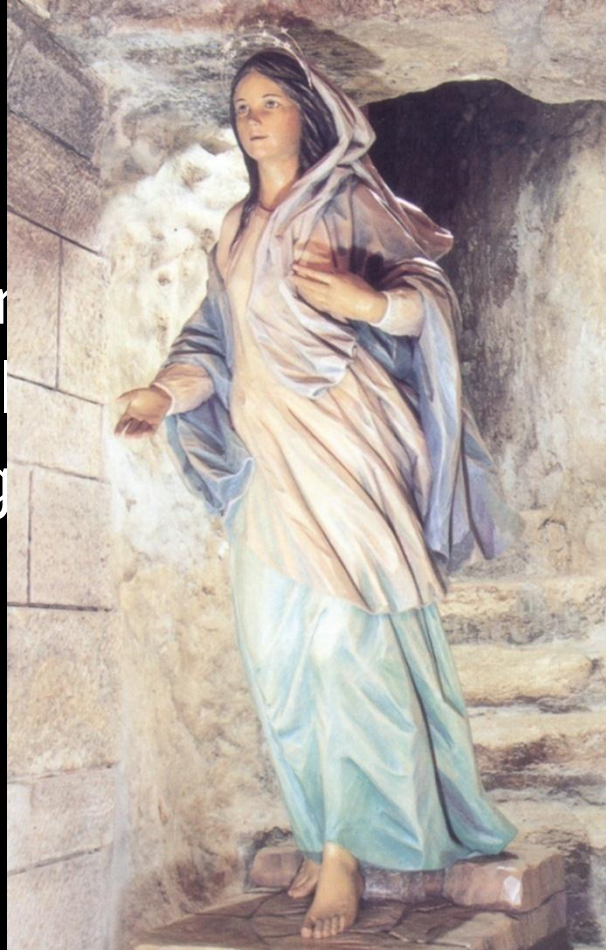
The Spirit prays in us...



- The “Veni Sancte Spiritus” should be the breath of a Servant of the Holy Spirit.
- The Holy Spirit teaches us to pray.
- The Holy Spirit helps in difficult situations.
- The Holy Spirit helps when our work is heavy.
- The Holy Spirit is a source of strength in suffering.
- The Holy Spirit sanctifies us.

Mary, the excellent Servant of the Holy Spirit

- with her joyful
- with her hidden
- with her humble
- in her suffering



She meditate on the life of Jesus through the eyes of Mary :

- with the Rosary
- in her many pilgrimages
- on Marian feasts
- wearing the habit of the Mission Sisters



Mother Josepha venerated Saint Joseph

- the man of prayer;
- the guide to the spiritual life;
- the humble worker of Nazareth;
- an intercessor in all spiritual and material needs;
- the comforter of the dying;
- the patron and protector of the Church.



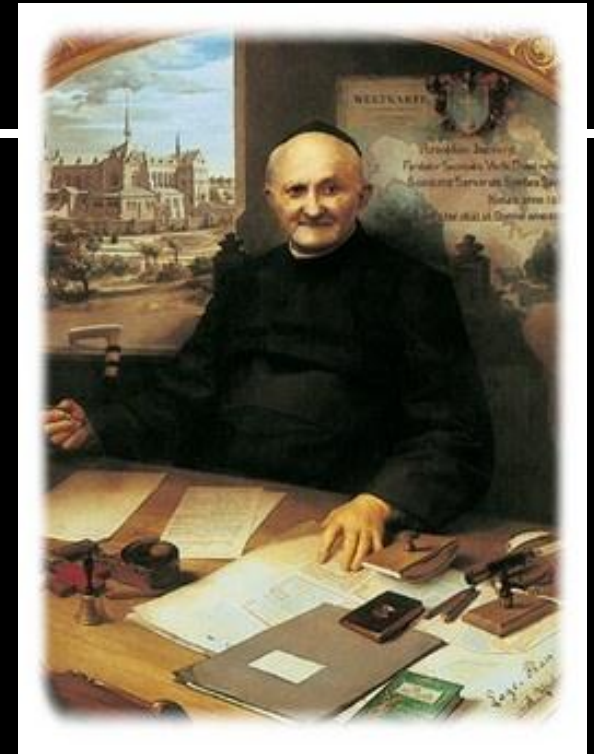
Mother Josepha venerated many other Saints



- She read the “Imitation of Christ” by St. Thomas a Kempis
- Mother Maris Francesca of the Five Wounds
- Mother Sophie Barat
- Anna Catharina Emmerich
- John Mary Vianney d’Ars
- Many others....

The obedient daughter of Saint Arnold

In Father Arnold, she found a person who always looked for the will of God. Because of that, she obeyed him.



Co-foundress

- The spirit of Mother Josepha lives on in the mission work of Steyl.



Mother Josepha – the Co-foundress

- Mother Josepha lived and died that the command of Christ be fulfilled:
- “May the Holy Triune God live in our hearts and in the hearts of all people.”



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