



Journey in preparation for the Feast of Mother

With Mary, daughters and mothers

Presentation

On this journey of preparation for the celebration of such an important moment for our Institute, we are accompanied by the remembrance of some fundamental facts for the birth of our religious family and by Mary herself, who has always been our loving 'Superior'.

The itinerary we propose sees the reference to a key word for each charismatic place of the origins that recalls the presence of Mary:

1st Week (28 March – 3 April)

CALL - TURIN *"Take care of them, they are my daughters"*

2nd Week (4 April – 10 April)

IDENTITY - MORNESE *"You are a living Monument"*

3rd Week (18 April – 24 April)

ACCOMPANIMENT - NIZZA *"Mary walks in this house"*

Some tools are proposed below, taken from historical sources and biblical materials, which, following the three areas outlined for this journey, can offer ideas to our communities to experience celebratory or formative moments in preparation for *Mother's Feast*.

Therefore, you will find:

- **An historical cue**

referring to our three charismatic places: *Turin, Mornese, and Nizza*.

- **A biblical cue**

associated with the words: *'call', 'identity', and 'accompaniment'*.

- **Some proposals for commitment**

linked to an action to be carried out as a community.

In particular, the **biblical cue** invites us to meet the extraordinary humanity of three Old Testament women: **Esther, Ruth, and Deborah**.

In these female figures of the Old Testament, among others, we can contemplate those traits that will be summarized and fully embodied by Mary. Through these prefigurations of her, Mary intervened in the history of Israel and of all humanity as she intervenes every day in ours, with a presence made of the same beauty, strength, and delicacy.

May the Virgin Mother, so present in the spirit of the great biblical women of the past, also imprint her features on the 'disciples of today', so that whoever sees her *daughters* may glimpse the face of the *mother*.

Below is the summary table of the path we propose:

Key-word	Papa Francesco <i>Words to the Chapter members</i>	Cue historical	Cue biblical	Proposal commitment
CALL	In love	Turin 1862 <i>"Take care, they are my daughters."</i>	The call of <i>Esther</i>	<i>Angelus Prayer.</i> Pay attention to today's calls.
IDENTITY	Heart of a mother	Mornese 1872 <i>"You are a living monument"</i> .	The identity of <i>Ruth</i>	<i>Sharing.</i> Recount about our "being a living monument today."
ACCOMPANIMENT	Heart near	Nizza 1885 <i>"Mary walks in this house."</i>	The accompaniment of <i>Deborah</i>	<i>Recount experiences.</i> Accompanied by Mary to accompany the young people.