

MUSIC

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1. Introduction

I am Sofía María Padilla, a religious of Jesus and Mary. I'm 35 years old, an Argentinean and I live in Cordoba, Argentina. I'm a former student of Jesus and Mary School - Buenos Aires and I belong to this family since the age of 5. I am very attached to Claudine since I grew up in the atmosphere of Jesus and Mary spirituality and Charism. Today I feel that my 'Yes' and my offering to God has made me fruitful, since I can give life and this has led me to make him known and loved. It is in Jesus and Mary that I could be what I am and still can exhibit all I am. During my formation years, I studied and trained myself to become a Music Teacher. Music has had a great impact both in my personal as well as my life that is shared with others. Music has enabled and made many things possible in me and in my mission. It has helped me to pray, to express myself, to help others to encounter Jesus and to make Him known to the world. Jesus and Mary creates a platform for each one to be as he/she is! And this is something I really appreciate of Jesus and Mary. Music was inside me and it has grown and flourished within me. Thanks to our congregation for being this way that looks forward to develop each one's originality in harmony with the community.

Proposal: Through music, I will try to get close to Claudine, her experience of God and the richness of our Charism.

JESUS and MARY is MUSIC and a GIFT that God wanted to play in the history!

“Charism is a gift for the good of others, that in one determined moment of Church's history, is made visible and incarnates one of the many dimensions of Jesus' face and that invites and encourages to follow him.”

Through music, I wanted to express and share a little bit of the richness of our Charism since we cannot embrace it all. That is why I composed this song that tries to express this face of God that Jesus and Mary has been reflecting and making it visible throughout history, through many people who are committed and have said 'Yes'.

To listen and watch: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=30TZ_kRcMbo

JESUS AND MARY KEEPS ON WALKING!

Jesus and Mary is walking for 200 years,
Hand in hand with Claudine, announcing the Good News
It's a love that overflows, generously giving itself
Bearing our lives like a tender and caring Father.
It is the image of God full of compassion
 Bending Himself to hug our fragility
It is the image of God, source of forgiveness
 Healing our wounds and open to Love
It is the image of God full of goodness.

Jesus and Mary is present all over the world,
Beyond all boundaries, God's Kingdom in our heart,
We keep on making the way, following Jesus' steps.
To make Him known and loved wherever we go.
It is the image of God who loves the living
 That makes it grow, waits and trusts in us.
It is the image of God always present,
 dwelling in everything, surrounding our lives.
It is the image of God full of goodness

We celebrate this transcendent history that starts
 Like a tiny seed
 Within Claudine's daring acceptance,
 devoting herself in Love
 And the generous and fruitful giving,
 many people who offer their lives,
 Reflecting God's goodness
 And the certainty of his Love.
It is the image of God full of compassion
 Bending Himself to hug our fragility
It is the image of God, source of forgiveness
 Healing our wounds and open to Love
It is the image of God full of goodness.

Today we want keeping on, giving life from our Charism.
United in fraternity, feeling and becoming a family
We weave this history, holding tightly our hands
 Then the Kingdom grows and is present,
 Jesus and Mary keeps on walking
It is the image of God who loves the living
 That makes it grow, waits and trusts in us.
It is the image of God always present,
 dwelling in everything, surrounding our lives.
It is the image of God full of goodness

To meditate: Which is the face of God that I have discovered in Jesus and Mary? Which face of God I feel invited to make known and reflect in my own life?

2. JESUS AND MARY still RESONATES in our time!

Musical science studies a phenomenon that is called **RESONATION**. I am going to use this image to express what we are celebrating.

Resonation is the phenomenon that occurs when an object vibrates in a frequency, and another object, that has the same frequency (natural frequency of oscillation) starts vibrating for itself, in the same way, without being played by anybody, just because it receives the sound wave of that object. For example, in a correctly tuned guitar, when we play the 6th string in the 5th fret that is the music note/frequency “La/A”, the 5th string, that is also “La/A”, will start to vibrate automatically without being played.

I believe that something of this had happened in our 200 years of history. Music can reach very deep places, transform us, bring new life to us, recreate and renew us... God is with us this way. The most beautiful melodies and harmonies are made sound by His Word and His song, with different frequencies. They do not leave us the same, they transform us, renew, gather, heal and recreate. I also believe that Claudine had the courage to be an instrument of God, so that He could give us His music through her. This music of God, that we have listened through her speaks of a Love to the end, of Goodness, Forgiveness, Compassion, Mercy, Hope, Confidence and many more things... Tuning with God in a same frequency, Claudine vibrated with Him and His project of the Kingdom in this special way. Through her gestures of tenderness, compassion and forgiveness by responding to pain and human fragility, this feeling became more concrete; it did express and reflect this experience of a good God. With so many options that speak of risk, offering and commitment, her words gave hope and confidence in what God could and can do.

The frequency in which Claudine vibrated because of resonance and harmony with God was converted into an original and special melody. This melody, that transformed society and each person who listened to it, made it possible for many other people, throughout history, to tune in with this same experience of God. Today, we celebrate 200 years of history, 200 years in which many of us in different places have been vibrating with this same Claudine’s frequency. We have tuned with her experience of God and we have discovered that we too have the same frequencies that makes it possible to vibrate with the same frequency like Claudine. Today, this music is still transforming, healing, enriching and giving life wherever it sounds: in abandoned children, in children and young people that grow in our schools, in families, in brothers and sisters that suffer because of miseries and injustice, and in so many people who are part of this big Community of Jesus and Mary.

Like in an orchestra, ensemble, coral or musical group where there are a diversity of sounds that complement with each other, join, listen, dialogue and gather, Jesus and Mary is rich in its diversity. This diversity of cultures where this experience of God had been incarnating and developing, among

a diversity of people, is taking root in each community and each place. We vibrate in a same frequency, but nevertheless, one can still be who he is and who he is called to be, developing his unique and original being. In Jesus and Mary there is no uniformity, but it is a place where one can be oneself and contribute with his/her originality. Thus, vibrating with the same frequency and from our diversity, we can enjoy this communion that God gives to us, making us one as brothers and sisters.

To meditate: With which frequencies of this Charism of Jesus and Mary do I vibrate and tune? We sound together in communion in this big orchestra, and there is something unique that each one can give. So what gift do I share?

Let us pray together so that Jesus and Mary goes on giving this unique and special music to the world which is capable of transforming, healing and giving life. Let us pray that many young people may listen to God's invitation so that they may come forward to vibrate in this same frequency in order to reflect God's face that Claudine had experienced; so that by responding and saying Yes, they may give themselves with generosity to this project; and Jesus and Mary can go on transforming our reality, making our world more human and make possible Jesus' incarnation in our time.