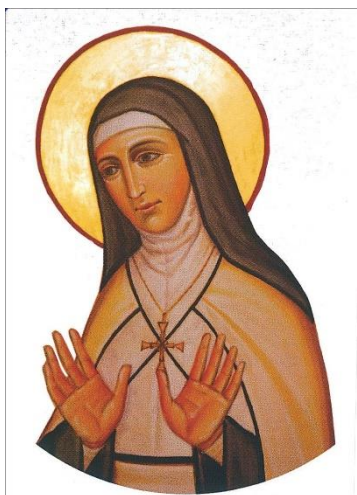


For an integral ecology with Blessed Adele de Batz de Trenquelléon

The General Chapter of the Marianist Sisters of July 2022 highlighted the fact that the charism offered to us by our founders responds to the urgent signs of our time, especially that of an integral ecology. Our founders and particularly Blessed Adele de Batz de Trenquelléon were very concerned about the question of the poor.



She was very actively involved in the education of poor children, visiting the sick, and helping the needy. She was concerned about reaching out to the different classes of society, especially the poor. Her charity towards them responds in a significant way to integral ecology. Indeed, by integral ecology, we should not only understand an environmental or physical crisis of the earth but also a social crisis. Under the weight of the ecological crisis, not only our mother earth groans, but with her, the poor.

Mother Adele was interested in both aspects. Here are two extracts from her letters to Miss Agathe Diché:

"Look at the smallest blade of grass. Is there a human being skillful enough to make its like? Is there anyone else endowed with the power and authority to cause grain of seed to multiply, as God does? Everything in nature signs of the grandeur of God. Would only we, by our failings, give occasion for the godless to blaspheme God's holy name?" (Adele de Batz de Trenquelléon, Letter 3, to Agathe Diché, Agen, March 27, 1805).

" Dear friend, let us imitate the love of our Blessed Mother. Like her, let us render to all our brothers and sisters the corporal and spiritual services in our power." (Adele de Batz de Trenquelléon, Letter 128, to Agathe Diché, Agen, July 2, 1810).