Blessed Mary of the Passion / November 15

Born in 1839 Helene Marie Philippine de Chappotin de Neuville grew up in Nantes, France. From childhood, her deep faith and natural gifts attracted her to religious life—first with the Poor Clares and then with the Society of Marie Reparatrice where she received the name, Mary of the Passion. She was sent to India where she ministered for eleven years. In 1877 Mary of the Passion established the Missionaries of Mary and in 1882, she adopted the Third Order Rule for her congregation which became the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary. Her zeal seemed to know no bounds in responding to the calls of the poor and the abandoned. She was particularly interested in the promotion of women. With intelligence and discretion she offered collaboration to others as she drew dynamism from contemplation of the great mysteries of faith. In this way she opened her Institute to the horizons of universal mission, accomplished in Francis of Assisi's evangelical spirit of simplicity, poverty and charity. She died November 15, 1904. Her cause for canonization continues.

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