

Saint Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi

1566-1607

PARADISE

Among her numerous ecstasies and visions collected in "Revelations and Intelligences", Saint Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi saw the glory of the soul of Sister Maria Benedetta who died on October 29, 1598 at four in the morning.

"Sister Mary Magdalene was present along with all the other mothers and sisters when our reverend Father was commending the soul of Sister Maria Benedetta to God. To the eyes and the mind of Sister Mary Magdalene a great multitude of angels is present with them waiting with great jubilee that this blessed soul take her last breath and appear before the Most Holy Trinity. Then like a dove with a golden head, her soul was quickly taken by the angels and presented to the Most Holy Trinity. It was the night of viewing the body, having died only three hours; I asked where she believed her blessed soul was. She replied that she believed that she was neither in purgatory nor paradise but held back in that way God liked to do, deprived so she could yet have her vision. Another two hours passed and singing psalms together with the psaltery, instead of saying the *Requiem Mass* for the dead, we started to say the *Glory Be* without realizing it.

"Then Sister Mary Magdalene said to me: 'It is not without mystery that we say the *Glory Be* in place of the *Requiem*, because I do not think that there is any need to ask for the *Requiem* for this happy soul, but I maintain that this soul fully enjoys and flourishes in the blessed vision of God, and I think that we can commend her' (5 hours passed).

"Saturday morning (October 30th) while they were saying Mass for our sister, Sister Mary Magdalene remained with heart and spirit rapt in ecstasy and she saw the soul of Sister Maria Benedetta in heavenly glory, above a great multitude of virgins, sitting before the throne of the Most Holy Trinity with a golden cloak for her ardent charity.

"Every finger had a ring on it and her crown was more precious than that of any of the nuns who died many years prior. She was a religious person of great perfection and led an exemplary life suffering so much in so many ways for the love of God in the name of her blessed religion. Sister Mary Magdalene understood why Sister Mary Benedict had the most precious crown. It was because if a nun suffered, she knew she was suffering but Sister Maria Benedetta suffered and none the less desired the



suffering so much that she did not even seem to suffer. Sister Mary Magdalene was overjoyed in seeing the enjoyment and the delight of the Eternal Word of God, He who became man for us, communicated with His new bride. In particular, she saw a soft liquid come from the mouth of Jesus and enter into that of hers and it filled her soul with an unspoken sweetness. This was intended to communicate the Word of God because as she on Earth, in likeness of the Word of God, always spoke human words with great sweetness, softness and compassion".

