

St. John's Family Page

St. Paula Montal Fornes Feast

Day
February 26

Paula was born in Barcelona, Spain over 200 years ago. She was the oldest of five daughters. Her father died when she was only ten and Paula had to go to work to help her mother support the family. She also helped her mother raise her younger sisters. Paula was disappointed that she could not attend school. She promised God that she would devote her life to the Christian education of girls and young women.

Paula and her best friend, Ines moved to a city near the border of Spain and France to open their first school. It offered special training for girls and also educated them in the Catholic faith.

After the third school was built, Paula was given permission from the pope to form an order of nuns who were committed to her work. The name Paula chose was the Daughters of Mary, Sisters of Pious Schools. The community was devoted to our Blessed Mother and the education of young women. When the community gathered to elect a Mother Superior, Sister Paula was not chosen. This was unusual because she had founded the order, but Paula was not upset. She saw it as a sign that God wanted her to continue to work closely with the girls in the Pious Schools.

Paula had personally founded eight more schools. She was also responsible for the formation of the young women who wanted to become Daughters of Mary nuns. The young nuns and the students she taught were inspired by her holiness. We celebrate St. Paula's feast day on February 26. Like our Blessed Mother, she responded "yes" to God. Her life shows us how we can love and serve the Lord in our daily lives.

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*We welcome our newly baptized and congratulate the parents of:
Anna Claire Dudas*

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Confirmation Class

Reminder that the Upper Room Confirmation Class is this **Thursday, February 25th from 7:00PM-8:15PM**. Students should report to the Gym.

Lent-40 Days or More?

You have always learned that Lent commemorates the 40 days that Jesus spent praying in the desert before his public ministry. If, however, you actually count the days from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday, you'll realize there are actually 46 days! What? Yes, there are 46 days between Ash Wednesday and Easter. Because each Sunday of the year, however, is a grand celebration and commemoration of the resurrection of Jesus, we don't count them in the 40 days of penance. There are six Sundays between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday. So, by subtraction, we are left with 40 days.

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