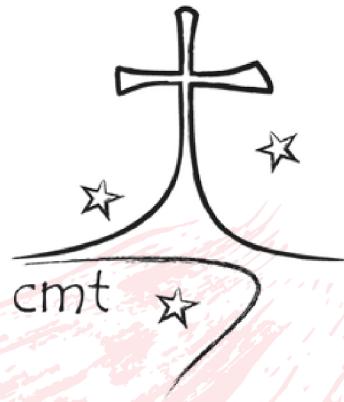


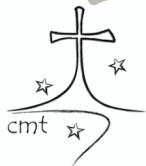
NOVENA BLESSED FRANCISCO PALAU & OTHERS
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In the footsteps of Palau
on the synodal path

You will find me... a pilgrim on
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In these lines we invite you to live the beauty of forming communion through the "Novena to Blessed Francisco Palau y Quer" with all those who feel called to live the charism and spirituality of our Founder.

The title of this year 2022, "In the footsteps of Palau on the synodal path", invites us to look back with gratitude upon the legacy of this man of the Church. He dared to follow in the footsteps of Jesus, becoming a faithful reflection of the Gospel and a passionate servant leader of his beloved Church - God and neighbor.

The Palautian text "You will find me... pilgrim on the roads" (MR 2011), will light our way. This text challenges us directly and lovingly to project our service in concrete ways in the prevailing realities that surround us, putting special emphasis on the most vulnerable, dispossessed and marginalized of society.

Each day will have a key word that will accompany these "footsteps" of Palau. This word will guide us in these marvellous moments of ecclesial communion. We pray for the communities and works of the Congregation, so that when we arrive at the Feast of Father Palau, we all may gather together in memory and gratitude for the steps that have been taken and continue to be taken in each place. May these days of the Palautian Novena move us to live the Gospel of Jesus with courage. May we be able to see ourselves in our fellow man and let ourselves be encountered by them. May we not permit failures to cast us down, rather let us encourage one other on the pilgrim way, in which we are the Church beloved and fruitful.

Let us continue the story, leaving footprints behind us on this journey with Palau, upon which we will deepen our knowledge during these nine days dedicated to the life and legacy of Blessed Francisco Palau and Quer. With the devotion of sons and daughters we entrust ourselves to Our Lady of Virtues.

