

## SECRETARIA STATUS

*On the occasion  
of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the foundation  
of the Hospitaller and Missionary Congregation  
of the Daughters of Our Lady of Sorrows,*

*His Holiness Pope Francis joins the Sisters in their joy and in their prayers, along with the elderly and the sick people in their care, their lay associates, their families and their benefactors. He gives thanks to the Lord for all they have accomplished, within their aim of “looking after the body to reach the soul”, faithful to the intentions of the founders Mother St. Jean-Baptiste and Père Ribes.*

*In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, the Holy Father entrusts to our Lord the Daughters of Our Lady of Sorrows, that they may be, henceforth as heretofore, signs of His merciful love in their acceptance of and service to the sick, the elderly and the poor.*

*He asks the Lord, by the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes, that the Congregation may always bear plentiful fruit, helping to build a society that is more just and more compassionate. The Holy Father bestows a special Apostolic Blessing on each of the Daughters of Our Lady of Sorrows, on the elderly and the sick and the families in their care, as well as on their benefactors and on all who share in their beautiful work.*

*From the Vatican, on the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016*

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