The Confraternity of Christian Mothers started in Lille, France, in 1850 by a group of mothers who were very concerned about the welfare and sanctity of their souls and their children’s souls in those tumultuous times. The goal of this Confraternity is not simply to unite mothers in prayer, but also to support, guide and inspire mothers in performing their duties and in practicing virtue.

Over the years, several Popes have granted many spiritual benefits to members of the Confraternity. In addition to gaining plenary indulgences on certain feast days of the year, a mother can also gain partial indulgences any time she teaches, disciplines or helps her children or others; this means that you can shorten your purgatory time now!

In return for all these benefits, a mother only needs to pray the Confraternity prayer for children and one Hail Mary for her pastor every day, and offer up Mass and Holy Communion once a month for all the members. She should also raise her children in accord with the Catholic principles of the Gospel. All mothers share in the collective prayers and good works of every member of the Confraternity worldwide and are under the special protection of Our Lady of Sorrows.

Periodically we have a Mother’s Tea or Day of Reflection and one of our priests will give a talk on some aspect of motherhood. Our next enrollment is March 16 at 7pm followed by a talk by Fr. de Rosa with light refreshments. All married women, with or without children, may join.

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