



## Blessed Marie-Louise Trichet May 7, Feast Day

Blessed Marie-Louise Trichet, also known as Marie-Louise de Jésus with St. Louis-Marie de Montfort



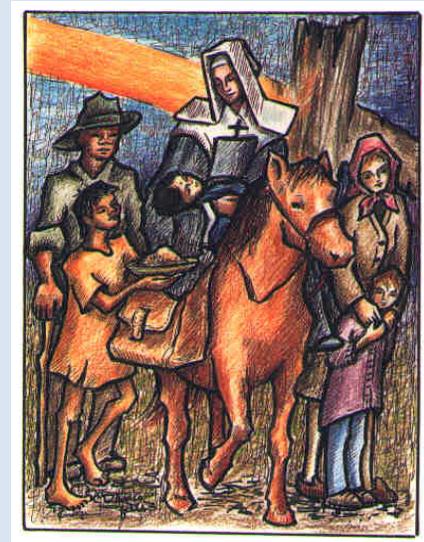
with St. Louis-Marie de Montfort founded the Congregation of Daughters of Wisdom in France in 1703. Recognized as the first Daughter of Wisdom, she established the mother house, opened the novitiate, formed the first Sisters, established communities, and governed the Daughters of Wisdom for more than forty years. A risk-taking seeker of Wisdom, she responded to the roles of administrator, business person, and teacher; and with common sense and simplicity, she brought dignity and compassion to all those who she encountered.

Relentless in her pursuit of service to the poor and disenfranchised, she is pictured on the back of a horse, the way she routinely traveled the roads of France, responding to the needs of the people for healthcare, education, rehabilitation, shelter, and food. It was at the Poitiers poorhouse that she gathered the first group of women who would serve alongside her.

Born on May 7, 1684, in Poitiers, France, she died at age 75 in 1759 at Saint-Laurent-sur-Sèvre, France. It was 43 years later but on the same day (28 April) same time, and same place, as Saint Louis-Marie de Montfort. Her body lies next to his in the basilica at Saint-Laurent. By the time of her passing, the congregation included 174 sisters in 36 communities and the Mother House in Saint-Laurent-sur-Sèvre. Pope John-Paul II beatified her on May 16, 1993.

In the process of examining her life before beatification, one cardinal wrote of her:

*"She offers an example of how to work for the development of the whole human person in a spirit of sacrifice, looking for no reward, ever open to read the signs of the times with a serene and humble spirit."*



Today Daughters of Wisdom around the world– in Europe, North and South America, Africa, Asia, and Oceania continue the legacy of Blessed Marie-Louise in 21 countries facing the challenges of the day by promoting justice and seeking and preaching Wisdom through education, spirituality, healing and the arts.

*Written by iconographer Angela Manno in 1997, the icon of Blessed Marie Louise Trichet (top left) is enthroned in the chapel at Wisdom House Retreat and Conference Center, Litchfield, CT.*