Let Us Pray

Most loving God, we adore You and thank You for your steadfast love. You have blessed us with the gift of the faith-filled life of Mother Maria Kaupas. Her deep faith in You, her fervent love for the Eucharist and her zeal in deepening the faith life of others continue to inspire us to be channels of your love in the world. Renew in our lives the gifts of the Spirit You gave to Mother Maria, and help us to continue her spiritual legacy. Through the intercession of Mary, our Mother, and St. Casimir, we ask this in Christ, our Lord. Amen.



With Ecclesiastical Approbation Blase Cardinal Cupich Archbishop of Chicago March 14, 2018

For favors received through the intercession of Mother Maria Kaupas, kindly inform:

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Prayer for Beatification

O loving Jesus, we beseech You, grant that Your servant, Mother Maria, who was imbued with Your Eucharistic Presence while on earth, may through the intercession of Your Immaculate Mother and Saint Casimir, be glorified by visible signs and miracles; so that for Your glory and salvation of souls, she may, by Your power, be declared Blessed. Amen.

Imprimatur: April 9, 1943 +Samuel A. Stritch, Archbishop of Chicago

> "Always more, always better, always with love."

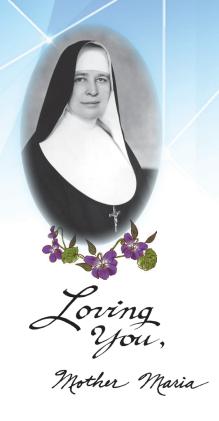


- Mother Maria Kaupas

Prayer of Petition

Gracious God, we praise and thank you for your faithfulness and love. You have blessed us with the example of your servant, Maria Kaupas, whose deep faith in your presence, love for the Eucharist and zeal in fostering the faith life of others continue to inspire us. Through her intercession, we pray that (*your intention*). Help us to continue life's journey with a heart filled with a profound faith in you and that trust which is born of love. We ask this through Jesus, our Lord, and the power of the Spirit. Amen.

With Ecclesiastical Approbation Archdiocese of Chicago July 26, 2000



Foundress Sisters of St. Casimir Chicago, Illinois



Litany of Venerable Servant of God Maria Kaupas 1880 - 1940

Casimira Kaupas

Casimira Kaupas, later Mother Maria, founded the Sisters of St. Casimir in Scranton, PA in 1907, to preserve and nurture the faith life of Lithuanian immigrants in the United States. Prior to coming to Scranton in 1897, to be a housekeeper for her brother, Father Anthony,



Casimira had never seen Sisters in her lifetime. Her brother explained that they were "women who lived for God alone." Upon hearing this and seeing the plight of the Lithuanian immigrants who had no one to teach them, she felt a call to dedicate her life to God and to the service of those in need.

With generosity and a love forgetful of self, Mother Maria dedicated the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Casimir to the apostolic work of the Church. Whether it was educating and fostering the life of faith, caring for the sick in hospitals and nursing homes, she saw it as God's work. Eventually, the Sisters ministered in 14 States and in Argentina. Upon the request of the Lithuanian Bishops, Mother Maria returned to her homeland in 1920 to establish the Lithuanian Sisters of St. Casimir at the Pazaislis Monastary.

For 27 years, Mother Maria carried out her responsibilities of leading the Sisters of St. Casimir with great humility, charity, and openness to the needs of the times. She died in the Motherhouse in Chicago, IL, on April 17, 1940. Mother was deeply loved and acclaimed as a holy woman. Her holy remains rest in a sarcophagus in the chapel. Mother Maria was declared "Venerable Servant of God" on July 1, 2010. The ongoing process continues in Rome for her beatification/canonization.

Litany of Venerable Servant of God, Maria Kaupas

Lord, have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

God, the Father of Heaven,

have mercy on us.

God, the Son, Redeemer of the World, have mercy on us.

God, the Holy Spirit,

have mercy on us.

Holy Trinity, One God,

have mercy on us.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.

St. Joseph,

pray for us.

St. Casimir,

pray for us.

Venerable Servant of God, Maria Kaupas, pray for us.

Foundress of the Sisters of St. Casimir, pray for us.

Faithful daughter of the Church, pray for us.

Reflection of true humility, pray for us.

Devout lover of the Eucharist, pray for us.

Unconditional trust in Divine Providence, pray for us.

Exemplar of deep faith, pray for us.

Model of prayer and charity, pray for us.

Example of religious life,

pray for us.

Model of a virtuous life,

pray for us.

Handmaid of God's love for the world, pray for us.

A religious after the heart of God, pray for us.

Teacher of simplicity, pray for us.

Bearer of spiritual peace,

pray for us.

Model of forgiveness, pray for us.

Responsive to the needs of others, pray for us.

Devoted to works of mercy, pray for us.

Filled with a great love for children and youth,

pray for us.

Dedicated to promoting the life of faith, pray for us.

Woman of hope,

pray for us.

Called to deepen the faith of immigrants, pray for us.

Committed to preserve the Christian faith, pray for us.

Comfort and support for immigrants, pray for us.

Strength of the suffering and sick, pray for us.

Model of Christ for those dying in pain, pray for us.

Model for all in embracing death, pray for us.