October 11th: Memorial of Saint Soledad Torres Acosta, religious

Gospel text (*Lk* 10:25-37): There was a scholar of the law who stood up to test Jesus and said, "Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read it?" He said in reply, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." He replied to him, "You have answered correctly; do this and you will live..."

St. Soledad Torres Acosta, religious (1826-1887)

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Today, we celebrate the "dies natalis" of St. Maria Soledad Torres y Acosta, her birth to eternal life. Mother Soledad had this perception to serve the sick in his own home, in his own environment. This was her charisma, the grace of the Spirit that obliged her and which the Servants of Mary maintain. Pope Francis insists on the need to go to the existential peripheries, where human beings suffer morally and physically, to boost them from the prostration, in the style of Christ, who came here, searching what was lost. Mother Soledad and the Servants of Mary know how to see in the sick, the sufferings of Christ in His members, as the Apostle Paul would say.

—"I was ill and you cared for me... ": this key principle stirred mother Soledad. And the Church proposes it as an example to emulate, while knowing that we are following the footsteps of Christ, the Good Samaritan. We, as Mother Soledad did, should spend our life together with the wounded and sick man for his salvation, while knowing that by doing this we serve the very Son of God.