



MOTHER MAZZARELLO IN NICE - MONFERRATO



DO THE ORDINARY THINGS

IN AN

EXTRAORDINARY FASHION!

On February 4, 1879, Mother Maria Domenica Mazzarello arrived in Nice. It is a great detachment to have to leave Mornese, but it is for the good of the Institute, because of the rapid expansion, greater ease in communication and contacts is necessary.

In this house Mother Maria Domenica Mazzarello lived the last two years of her life, with tireless activity: letters, trips, meetings, preparation of the missionary sisters, new foundations... she worked tirelessly.

In Salesian history, Mother Mazzarello's lack of studies is often highlighted and, although this is true, Don Bosco was undoubtedly a visionary and she was a woman who would soon demonstrate, as superior of the new Institute, the pragmatic wisdom of the peasant combined with her determined character. and to the evident knowledge and practice of Christian values. Mother Mazzarello's letters, anecdotes and innumerable thoughts said to the first sisters that would be jealously preserved by the Salesian tradition and that would contribute to knowing the personality of the cornerstone of the Institute of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians are preserved.

In this room, on May 14, 1881, Mother Maria Domenica Mazzarello died, leaving the Institute after having lived there for 9 years. In this short time, however, the Institute was already present in 4 nations, with 26 houses and 166 sisters.

