



## The Different Aspects of Relationship of MM

Some of the aspects of her relationship that can be highlighted are:

1. **Christ-centredness:** The scope of her relationship with everyone is to lead all to Jesus. She strived to do utmost good to all and to “lead many souls to Jesus” (L 4, 12). To one of the Sisters she writes, “Do you get annoyed when the fire won’t light? Have patience and try to set yourself afire with Divine Love” (L 23,5).
2. **Encouragement:** She understood very well that each person is a human being with his/her own defects and weaknesses. Thus, she encouraged others not to get discouraged with their limitations or human frailty, but strive towards sanctity without giving into discouragement. To one of the Sisters, she wrote: “Don’t be afraid of your defects, and of not being able to correct them all at once, but do so gradually [...] calmly, and leave the rest in God’s hands” (L 25).
3. **Accompanied others to love God and each other:** MM built up a filial and a friendly relationship with God as well as others. She made sure that others too established a familial relationship with God and a healthy and friendly relationship with each other. “Love your teachers and assistants” (L 44). In letter 25, she writes to the Superior about another young Sister, Sr. Vittoria: “It seems to me that if you know how to take her, she will turn out well. So it is with the others; each one has her defects. It is necessary to correct them with charity but don’t expect them to be without defects nor should you expect that they will correct themselves all at once”.
4. **Cheerfulness:** MM always maintained a joyful relationship. She created a cheerful and serene atmosphere, which she knew is essential for each other’s growth. In almost all of her letters we can see her often asking and recommending either the Sisters, the educands, novices or to whomsoever it was addressed to be cheerful.
5. **Caring presence:** MM took care of everyone who came in contact with her. The girls who came to the laboratory to learn stitching, were attracted to the caring nature of MM that they wanted to become religious. One of girls, who later became a Sister says, “Posso dire in verita che mi fermai a Mornese per la grande carita della buona Madre Mazzarello, la quale seppe guadagnarmi col suo affetto materno e seppe correggere il mio carattere impetuoso, superbo, collerico, con dolcezza e carita.” (Maccono I, 365).

All these aspects are very well noticed in the video that follows now.