

Prayer for the Beatification of Venerable Edel Quinn

Eternal Father, I thank you for the grace you gave to your servant, Edel Quinn, of striving to live always in the joy of your presence, for the radiant charity infused into her heart by your Holy Spirit, and for the strength she drew from the Bread of Life to labour until death for the glory of your name, in loving dependence on Mary, Mother of the Church.

Confident, O Merciful Father, that her life was pleasing to you, I beg you to grant me, through her intercession, the special favour I now implore . . . , and to make known by miracles the glory she enjoys in Heaven, so that she may be glorified also by your Church on earth, through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Favours attributed to her intercession
should be notified in writing to:
LEGION OF MARY, DE MONTFORT HOUSE,
MORNING STAR AVENUE, BRUNSWICK STREET,
DUBLIN 7, IRELAND.

with Ecclesiastical approval



Venerable
EDEL QUINN

Edel Quinn was born in Kanturk, Co. Cork, Ireland, on 14th September, 1907. As a girl, her ambition was to enter a Contemplative Convent, but she was prevented from doing so by ill-health. At the age of 20 she joined the Legion of Mary in Dublin and gave herself entirely to the Legion apostolate. In 1932 she became seriously ill and spent a long period in hospital. She later resumed her Legion work, though with her health permanently impaired.

In 1936 Edel was appointed Legion of Mary Envoy with the commission to establish the Organisation in the vast territories of East and Central Africa. She encountered great obstacles in this pioneering work. Against every difficulty and her wretched health, she brought to her task an absolute faith in God's love and a limitless trust the material care of the Blessed Virgin.

Edel was gifted with a clear practical mind, notable organising ability, an indomitable will, a deep fund of warm, human sympathy and an infectious joyousness of spirit that never failed her. These qualities eventually won everyone to her side.

Although working alone and in a state of perpetual ill-health and exhaustion, Edel established the Legion on a firm, enduring basis even as far as Mauritius in the Indian Ocean. Hundreds of Legion branches and multiple Councils were solidly established and she mobilised thousands of Africans in the service of the Church.

After eight years of heroic labour, Edel died in Nairobi on 12 May, 1944, where she is buried in the Missionaries' Cemetery. The Diocesan Process, the first step towards her beatification was set in motion in 1957 by the Archbishop of Nairobi. On December 15th 1994 Pope St. John Paul II declared Edel Quinn "Venerable".

The following extracts from her private notes and diary indicate the basis of her spiritual life:

“What boundless trust we should have in God’s love! We can never love too much; let us give utterly and not count the cost. God will respond to our faith in Him...”

“Mary loves us because we are Christ’s legacy to her. Let us give ourselves completely to her to be made all His, to be consumed unceasingly, to be spent for Christ”

“To suffer for love of Our Lord is my very greatest joy”.

Edel’s favourite prayer:

*“Dear Jesus, make Thyself to me
A living, bright reality.
More present to Faith’s vision keen
Than any outward object seen,
More dear, more intimately nigh
Then e’en the sweetest earthly tie.”*

Ask Edel for her intercession in all your needs and concerns, so that she will be made known by miracles, the glory she enjoys in heaven.

Your earnest, persevering prayers for the successful outcome of the Cause of Edel Quinn are of vital importance.

One miracle attributed to her intercession is still required for her Beatification.

(The Cardinal Archbishop of Quito, South America, was so deeply moved by reading “The Life of Edel Quinn” (by Cardinal Suenens), that he composed a prayer for the promotion of her Cause.)