



Celebrating the Birthday of Mother Magdalen

Our Path of Provident Faith

On November 19, 1787, Cornelius and Gertrude Damen affectionately called their first born, Catherine (alias Magdalen), “Trieneke”. Their home was a simple 20’ by 12’ dwelling on a diked island in The Netherlands.

Their homeland at this time was occupied by France, who deemed contemplative convents useless and, therefore, disbanded all communities. Also, priests who did not swear an oath to the state were considered criminals and had to say Mass secretly.

Yet in the midst of all these challenges, we believe:

“Truly you formed” Magdalen
“Knit her in her mother’s womb”

Psalm 139

And we say

“Wonderful are your works!”

We are your daughters, Magdalen, and we believe we are
fashioned by graced designs.

**Pray for us, Mother Magdalen, that we will follow you on
Our Path of Provident Faith.**

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Damen House in The Netherlands
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