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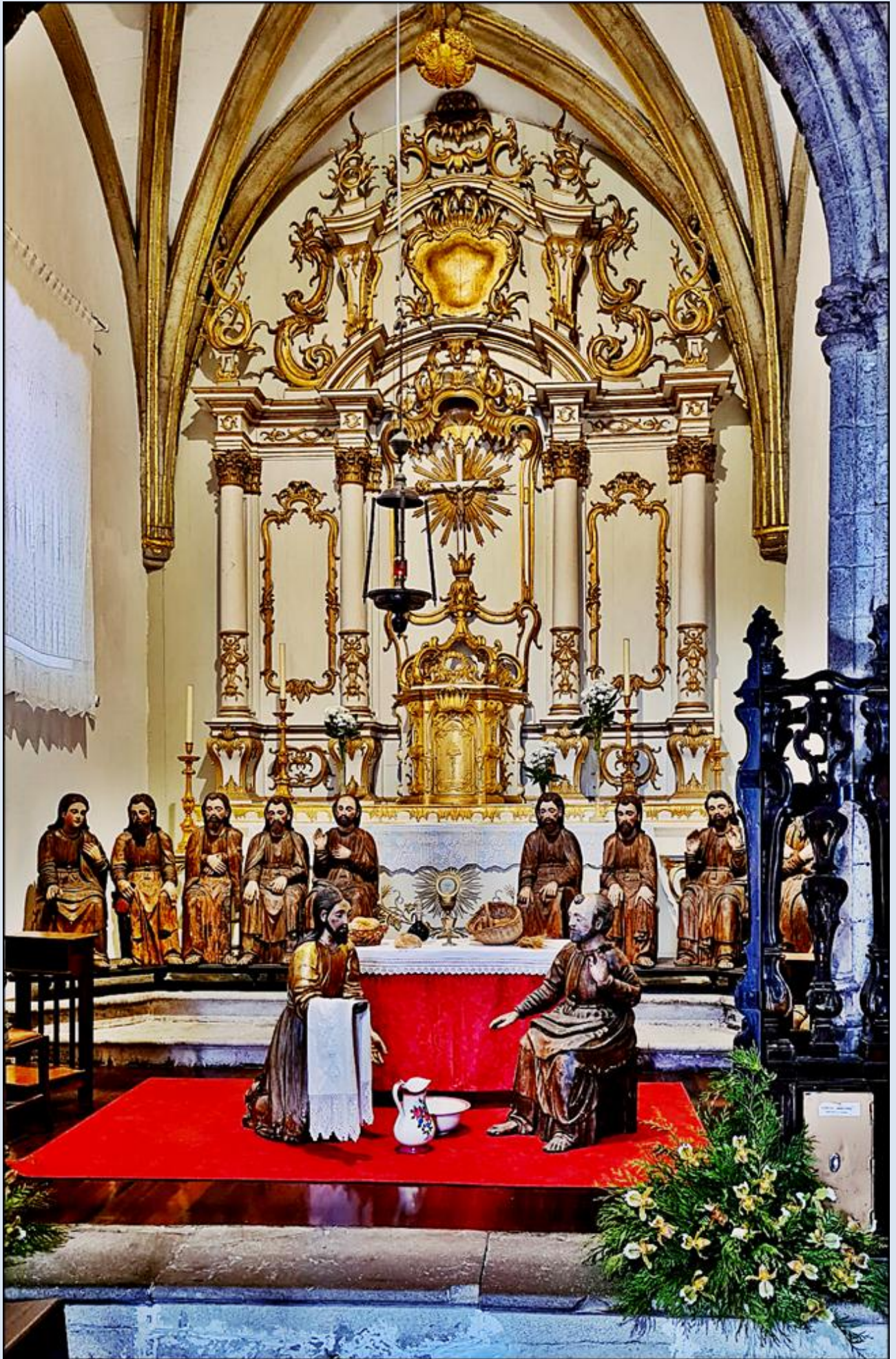














TRIBUTE TO THE VENERABLE SISTER MARY JANE WILSON OF SAN FRANCISCO

Mary Jane Wilson was born in Mysore, India, on the 3rd October 1840 and died in Câmara de Lobos, Madeira, on the 18th October 1916.

She first came to Madeira on the 26th May 1881 and, on the 15th January 1884, she and her first co-worker, Amélia Amaro de Sá, founded a congregation called "Irmãs Franciscanas de Nossa Senhora das Vitórias". Between 1891 and 1908, Mary Jane Wilson rebuilt "Santa Casa da Misericórdia Hospital" and founded a pharmacy.

She was a nurse and an educator. She took care of the sick and provided people with medicines she, herself, used to make. She taught how to read and spread the word of God. She loved the poor and developed a unique religious, human, cultural and social dimension all along Madeira Island. She was such a good, kind person, that people from Santa Cruz started calling her "Good Mother".

Her soul was Eucharistic and peaceful, and she was devoted to San Francisco and the Virgin Mother of God. She acted according to God's will, "our father and best friend". She was faithful to The Word of the Holy Scripture and was enlightened by the Holy Spirit with faith, love and hope. She has crossed the path of Sanctity "doing the best she could, praying a lot, so that God is glorified and adored by everyone".

Her spirituality remains alive in the IFNSV congregation, as well as, in the association created to praise and continue her work, called "Amigos da Irmã Wilson", and in the church itself.



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