

The Seven Sorrows of Mary

September 15 is an honored day in Loretto — the feast day of Mary's Seven Sorrows*, particular in standing with Jesus at his crucifixion. With Loretto, SMA strives to stand with suffering people everywhere as we educate students to value service, honor differences and help create a just and peaceful world. [Click here](#) to learn more about this Loretto day.

September 15, the Feast of the Seven Sorrows of Mary*, is an honored day in Loretto. In 1812, the fledgling congregation was named The Little Society of the Friends of Mary under the Cross of Jesus (later becoming Sisters of Loretto at the Foot of the Cross) and its charism of loving service rooted in Jesus on the cross and Mary at the foot of the cross has shaped Loretto's mission ever since.

Mary's solidarity with Jesus's suffering continues as inspiration today. In the words of *I Am the Way*, the Constitutions of the Sisters of Loretto: "We strive to bring the healing Spirit of God into our world and we commit ourselves to improving the conditions of those who suffer injustice, oppression, and deprivation of dignity." And, "We continue to extend the boundaries of learning and justice, of human dignity and peace, of active faith and pastoral concern through works of education and efforts on behalf of the poor."

As a Loretto school, we follow the example of Loretto. We educate students to use their talents for the good of others, to value service to the community, to honor differences, and to help create a just and peaceful world. We embrace this call every day, but in a special way on September 15.

* Mary's sorrows were: *listening to a prophecy that Jesus would be reviled and hated; fleeing with Joseph and Jesus to Egypt for safety; Jesus being lost for three days in the Temple at Jerusalem; meeting her condemned son as he walked to his crucifixion; seeing her son crucified; receiving his dead body; burying Jesus.*