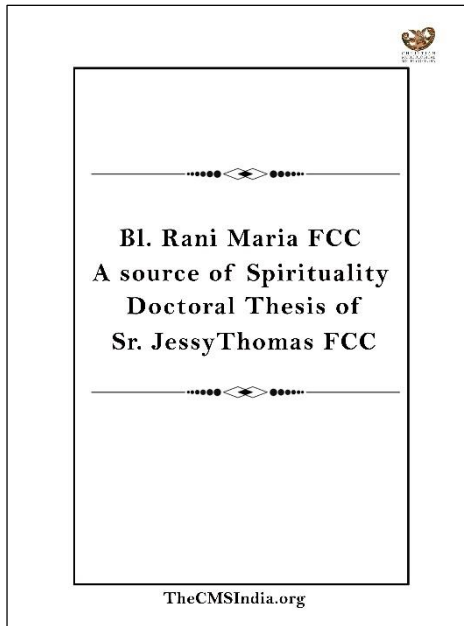


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Highlighting the social spirituality lived by Sr Rani Maria FCC (1954-1995), the thesis contains three chapters. The first chapter is a contextualized and chronological biography of Sr Rani Maria. Through a historical and descriptive analysis, a clear picture of her, as a loyal daughter of the Church and a patriot of India is brought out. The second chapter is the edition of her *collected writings and prayers*. The collections include: prayers, intentions for Holy Mass and adoration, decisions and convictions, meditation reviews, personal letters, social work reports, extracts of classes and other write-ups during the twenty years of her missionary life in North India, i.e., from 1976 to 1995. The third chapter, is specifically a hermeneutical analysis of the *writings and prayers* edited in the second chapter. The research aims at a more realistic study of her social spirituality through the edition of her collected writings.

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### 2.2.3. Special Intentions after Holy Communion<sup>1</sup>

#### The Original Text

My special intentions after the Holy Communion or Holy Mass

1. All the departed souls specially those who have nobody to pray or remember.
2. All the sinners to have a total conversion and in a special way because I am a sinner.

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<sup>1</sup> Cfr. RANI MARIA, *Special Intentions after Holy Communion*, n.d., in *RMAFCCBP*, Shelf no. 1, File no. C-Diary 3; Cfr. *Manuscripts*, 170-171.

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3. All the priests and those who are under priestly formation. Br. Zacharias and Br. Lona.

Fathers: Frs. Francis,<sup>2</sup> Pumattom,<sup>3</sup> Palacken,<sup>4</sup> both Pedicatt.<sup>5</sup>

I have a special intention for these priests.

4. My beloved Franciscan Clarist Congregation, all the superiors, each member, those who have died, those who have left the Congregation and the members, those who are to come in future.

5. My father and mother; sisters and brothers to keep them in real Christian faith and to have a good death.

6. My apostolate social work to do for the glory of God and salvation of souls.

7. A prayer to Blessed Alphonsa to be silent in sufferings and difficulties.

8. To have two priests and three sisters from my own sisters' and brothers' family in future.

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<sup>2</sup> Fr Francis Thottumarickal MST was born on 3 November 1954 at Kalloorkadu, Kerala, India. He belongs to the Missionary Society of St Thomas the Apostle [Hereafter abbreviated as MST]. He was the colleague of Sr Rani Maria in the social work and the chaplain of FC Convent Odagady; he was in charge of Catholic *Ashram*, St Ephrem Church, Odagady from 1987 to 1993. Cfr. *Witness: Fr Francis Thottumarickal MST* in *Positio*, 460, 465; Cfr. INFANT MARY, *F.C.C.: Ernakulam*, II, Part II-46.

<sup>3</sup> Here we lack auto-biographical statement of Pumattom.

<sup>4</sup> Fr Palacken is Fr Joseph J Palackal [Many people use that form in conversation when they refer to him as a third person. It may be a Kerala custom to substitute the 'l' for more convenient 'n' but only for males]. Fr Joseph J Palackal is a CMI priest, member of the Sacred Heart Province, Kochi, Kerala. Fr Palackal received his priestly ordination in 1979 from Bp Gratian Mundadan CMI. He is a performing artist of Christian devotional songs in four languages: Malayalam, English, Sanskrit and Aramaic and he is the founder of the Christian Musicological Society of India. He met Sr Rani Maria for the first time in May 1977 in Bijnor when six musically-talented seminarians of Dharmaram College, Bangalore, formed a band and decided to make a music tour in the newly formed Eparchy of Bijnor. Sr Rani Maria was a member of St Mary's Convent, Bijnor at that time. She and Sr Mariusha FCC made the local arrangements for these programs. Quoting from fresh memories of Fr Palackal: "Sr. Rani Maria was delighted to introduce us to the following villages, where she was doing her social apostolate: Timarpur, Adampur, Ittawa, Pedda, and Kachpura. We travelled to these places on horse carts. Sr. Mariusha, a Hindi teacher, served as our translator. As per the Sr Rani Maria's suggestion, we designed a program of patriotic songs, popular films songs, and Christian bhajans. We named our band 'Singing Brothers'". FR JOSEPH J. PALACKAL CMI, *Blessed Martyr Rani Maria: A Perky Preacher without Words*, 30 November 2020, in *RMAFCCBP*.

<sup>5</sup> Fr Mathew Pedikkattukunnel is one of the priests of CMI, Bijnor Province. He was born on 11 August 1952, made his Profession on 1 June 1972 and ordained as a priest 14 April 1980. Cfr. J. CHIRAYIL, *Bijnor Mission a Vision*, Kotdwar, 2000, p. 121. When Sr Rani Maria was working in the Diocese of Bijnor, he was there in Bijnor as a Seminarian and had worked with Sr Rani Maria. Cfr. SEGALLA, *Martyr of Charity*, 69. In writing 'both' we don't know what she has meant.

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