

Venerable Dolores Medina

The cause for sainthood for Mother Dolores Medina, founder of the Daughters of the Passion of Christ and the Sorrowful Mother (the Mexican Passionist Sisters), is now in Rome. She is portrayed here holding a crucifix with passionate, devoted reverence. The intensity of her gaze is born of the pain she suffered in illness during which she amazed her companions with heroic patience. The lilies and gladiolas at her side were referenced from religious shrines and feast days of Mexico, her country of origin. The nopal cactus is a food staple of the Mexican poor who she instructed her followers to love and serve. The sunflowers in the foreground, shared also with St. Francis, symbolizes her presence in Kansas.

Passionist Sisters from San Miguel, Mexico, have been ministering with the Spanish speaking members of Dodge City since 1998. The Sisters visit parishioners residing in nursing homes; make home visits to shut-ins and families having difficulties; facilitate Bible study groups in Montezuma, Cimarron, and Ensign; teach sacramental preparation for Baptism, First Holy Communion and RCIA; train Eucharistic ministers and lectors, and work in youth ministry.

