## SR. MARIE DE MANDAT-GRANCEY FOUNDATION



During the persecution of the Christians in the first century, Our Blessed Mother Mary and St. John the Evangelist fled Jerusalem and came to Ephesus, Turkey. This house in which they lived was purchased, restored, and preserved by Sr. Marie De Mandat-Grancey, Daughter of Charity.

Sr. Marie spent twelve years helping to find Mary's House, Meryam Ana Evi, and then promoted devotion to Mary at the site of the Chapel from 1892 until her death on May 31, 1915. Her devotion was so great that she touched the hearts of Catholic and Orthodox Christians alike, drawing them together as pilgrims to Mary's House. Most noteworthy of all, she drew Moslem pilgrims as well, for Islam honors

Mary especially as one conceived without sin, like her Son Jesus. Like wise, Christians invoke Mary as the Immaculate Conception. To this day, Muslims and Christians honor Mary at Mary's House as they pray side by side in peace; certainly a sign of hope in these uncertain times of inter-religious conflict. Here, thanks to the foresight, virtue, perseverance, and hard work of Sr. Marie de Mandat-Grancey, Mary is again honored, under a particularly precious and timely title; Mother of Holy Hope.

Both Pope Paul VI and Pope John Paul II visited Mary's House as pilgrims. Pope Benedict XVI celebrated Holy Mass there on November 29, 2006. Sister Marie lived a heroic life of Christian charity and devout dedication to the dignity of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and is recognized by the Roman Catholic Church as Foundress of Mary's House, Domus Mariae.

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