

WORKS OF CHARITY

ASSISTANCE TO THE SICK

The Sisters accompany the sick towards accepting their health limitations in the light of faith and in the paschal mystery of the Lord, who took upon himself every human weakness except sin. Helping the sick is offered through personalized assistance and attentive and prudent care for the needs of each patient. Magdalene's vision for this branch of charity, so dear to her, was to integrate, through faith, suffering and death in the perpetual cycle of life. From her youth, the Marchioness committed herself to the good of the sick and abandoned poor. In order to maintain their care she cooperated in establishing associations of volunteers such as "The Brotherhood for the Hospitals" founded by Don Pietro Leonardi, for the assistance of the sick in public hospices. Today the Canossian Sisters are engaged in this apostolate through the pastoral care of the sick within existing public and private structures. Where the need is greatest, the Institute is also committed to the establishment of health centres, hospitals, dispensaries and nursing homes so that the sick, especially the destitute, can be assisted with dignity.