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**Mónika Tímár** (\* 21 Mar 1937 – † 13 Dec 1962)

1. Name variants: M. Schmidt

2. Places: Budapest

3. Biography: In 1955, M. joined a clandestine monastic community of three young women living under the direction of one Cistercian nun in a Budapest apartment. All worked day jobs to avoid alarming the communist government. The community grew and M. became novice mistress shortly after her first vows in 1958. After the superior, two sisters, and a chaplain were imprisoned in February 1961, the eight remaining sisters unanimously elected M. as their superior. She fulfilled her calling with love and discretion. She died suddenly from hepatitis, having offered her life to the imprisoned. Her community later became the Abbey of Kismaros.

4. Cultus:

a. Relics: Her grave is marked in the Farkasréti cemetery in Budapest.

b. Liturgical commemoration: –

c. Patronage: Venerated in the congregation of Zirc, in Hans Urs von Balthasar's Community of St. John, and the Focolare movement. Suitable patron for young superiors, contemplative life in urban contexts, lovers of nature and poetry.

d. Attributes: –

5. Fontes: M.'s journal and letters have been edited and translated into several languages: Monika. Ein Zeugnis in Ungarn, Einsiedeln 1982; Journal, Paris 1989; Mónica naplója. Egy szerzetesközösség élete az üldöztetés éveiben, ed. Á. TÍMÁR, Budapest 1990; Diario. Una giovane benedettina ungherese negli anni della persecuzione (1957–1962), Piemme 1996; Correspondance 1961–1962, Namur 1995.

6. Literature: M. GARAY, Monika Timar: Journal 1957–1962, Paris 1989, 9–35.

7. Illustrations: Photos at <https://abbey.cistercian.org/history/our-saintly-inspiration/monika-monica-timar/> and <http://www.cisztercimonostor.hu/>

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