



Venerable

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HH Oblate Sisters of Christ Priest

### SACERDOS ET HOSTIA

«These words have been my life on earth  
and I hope they will be my glory in heaven»

## Prayer

### For private devotion

Holy Father, source of all holiness, who hast deigned to confer your faithful son José Maria the fullness of priesthood, thus identifying him with Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest: We humbly pray now you grant us the grace we plead, trusting in his intercession, so that one day the Church, which he loved and served with the total offering of his life, will raise him to the honors of the altars, to the glory of your name. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory)

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## Testimonies

I met Don José María García Lahiguera on the first national assembly of «Catholic Action», which he presided newly appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Madrid. I was very young then, and out of the act, as the other girls, I wanted to kiss the ring of Bishop. But there was a strong reason that stopped me. I have polio. To walk, I aid me with two English sticks, slightly suitable for tumults. But what seemed impossible it was not because, I don't know how, Don José María realized and it was he who pushed through the crowd and extended his hand to me. That detail of affection left a mark on me, as well as the times I've seen him relent to tears when he spoke about our Mother and about his hopes for meeting with Her.

I do not know if my testimony will serve you for something, but I want you to have it. With all my affection.

Catalina López



Lourdes, 1958

# The Venerable José María García Lahiguera

“The humble robs the heart of God”



I would say there is no love in life if there is no humility. It is the essence of love going out from oneself, in surrendering and donation to the beloved. Humility is the necessary virtue to love as one loves when really loves: selflessly.

The humble, as he never attributes any good to himself, but always owns entirely to the Lord, robs the heart of God. For the Lord says, «I can trust him, because, even when he make miracles, I know nothing will happen, everything is going to slip on him, because he knows he owes everything to me.» And God lavishes on him, because «the Lord resists the proud and gives grace to the humble.»

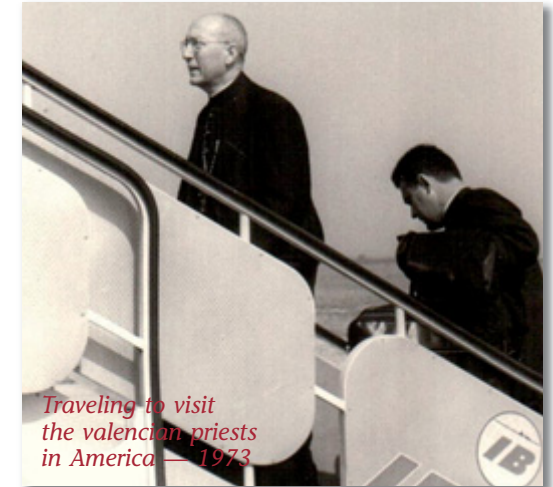


Humility is lovely. It has to rob the heart of God. Oh, the Virgin! In the Incarnation she doesn't speak about her virginity, her chastity... No. She only speaks of «the lowliness of his servant.» And that is precisely what has pleased the Lord; and that's the reason for «He has done great things» in her. Humility is required to love. It is necessary, indeed. For love always takes an attitude of service, of surrendering, and that doesn't match with self-love. All this, never losing sight of the Incarnation mystery contemplation, where God the Son –Christ– has completely forgotten himself, dispensing with everything and everyone and what people will say... Let them say whatever they want. For Him only the Father, the Father's will and glory, matters. Nothing else.

*(From Spiritual Exercises, 1963).*



## Reported favors



- Returning from a course in England, at the airport, waiting in line to check luggage, I saw a colleague overwhelmed looking for something. Sensing that the situation was complicated, I commended it to D. José María. My colleague had lost his passport, and until Monday –it was Saturday– he couldn't arrange leaving the country to return home to France. When the rest of us were already on the plane, the colleague appeared there. I asked him if he had found the passport and he told me he didn't. And how was he on the plane? He had been allowed to get up without a passport. →I don't understand how,» he said. I thought: «I do.» In my name and his, I thank God, who once again shows his loving care by means of his servant D. José María.

*Marta Pena, Toledo*

- With much love I want to convey my HH. Oblate Sisters of Christ Priest my sincere gratitude for the favors I've received and I am still receiving through the intercession of Venerable José María García Lahiguera. I had very serious problems with one of my daughters, but I came up to daily prayer and invoked this beloved intercessor before the heavenly Father, and now I am happy to have retrieved the love of my daughter Karina.

*Adelina E. Ch. , Chiclayo, Perú*