

Venerable
JOSÉ MARÍA GARCÍA LAHIGUERA

Archbishop Emeritus of Valencia
Founder of the
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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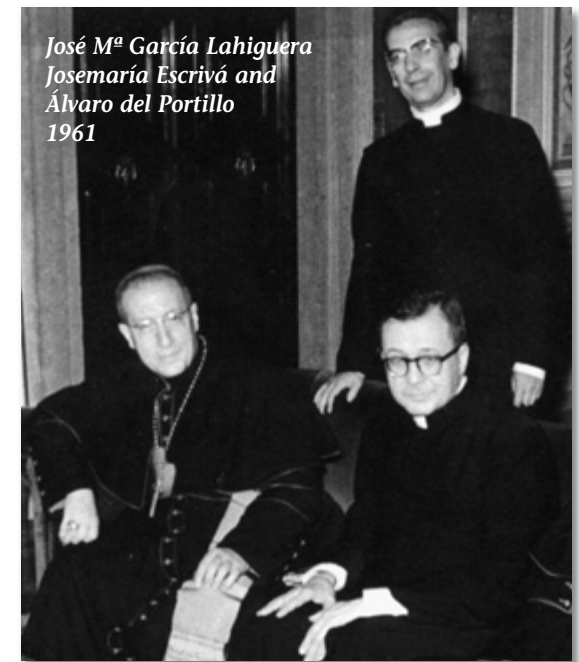
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On the life and holiness fame of
Venerable José María García Lahiguera, Arzobispo

Testimonies



José M^a García Lahiguera
Josemaría Escrivá and
Álvaro del Portillo
1961

I also came to enrich myself with the direct relationship and the invaluable science that gives you the view of a holy person, hearing him talk, watching how he behaves, etc. These conversations of the Founder of Opus Dei with Don José María García Lahiguera and me were always dedicated to supernatural and Church service issues, because it was what they had inside the heart and inside the soul.

His constant joy greatly stroked us. He was always full of joy and spiritual peace that turned up even in his eyes. When I saw D. José María García Lahiguera I always remembered our Founder, who had the same joy, the same peace, no matter what. Such was Mons. Garcia Lahiguera, who did not avoid sacrifice, and was glad even among difficulties, because he loved Christ cross; and the cross gave him the joy of knowing that he was stic-
ked to the Lord.

B. Alvaro del Portillo
(From his written testimony to the process
of canonization of Msgr. García Lahiguera)

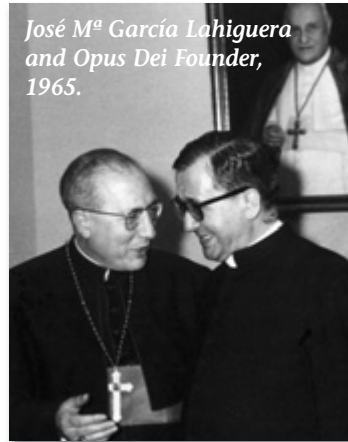
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The Venerable José María García Lahiguera

**One of my greatest joys as Bishop:
To give the priestly orders**

I think the first member of the Work I met was Don Alvaro del Portillo, in 1941, more or less, at San Sebastian. I'll never forget that first encounter; but, from what I knew from the Father, I was not surprised to verify Don Alvaro's intense apostolic vibration. I already knew through the Patriarch about the great effort Escriva was putting to achieve serious ecclesiastical sciences training for his first three priests. The outcome of these efforts made by Escriva can be judged, for example, noticing the work of Don Alvaro in Vatican II, and his subsequent publications.



José M^a García Lahiguera and Opus Dei Founder, 1965.

Perhaps one of my greatest joys as Bishop, joy that was repeated for many years, was the opportunity I had to give the priestly orders to several hundred members of Opus Dei. I've always seen them with much doctrine and a deep life of piety, ready to exercise their ministry in all parts of the world.



In a tonsure ceremony 1952.

José M^a García Lahiguera (From his testimony on. Founder of Opus Dei)

XXV ANNIVERSARY

July 14th 2014 was commemorated the XXV Anniversary of the death of Venerable José María García Lahiguera (14/07/1989). In the chapel of Oblate Sisters of Christ Priest at Huelva, a solemn Mass was held, presided by the Bishop of the Diocese Msgr. José Vilaplana, in which many priests concelebrated. At the Mother House of the Congregation, celebration was presided by Rev. Fr. Manuel Gonzalez Lopez-Corps and was also highly participated.



Funeral Mass at the Cathedral of San Isidro, Madrid, July 17 1989



J. M^a García Lahiguera and Alvaro del Portillo participated in National Conference of Perfection and Apostolate Madrid 1956.

With the occasion of Don Alvaro del Portillo beatification, we want to highlight the deep friendship that Venerable García Lahiguera had with the new Blessed. Their relationship was mediated by the figure of St. Josemaría Escrivá, of whom Msgr. G^a. Lahiguera was confessor for several years. Blessed Alvaro del Portillo helped Oblate Sisters of Christ Priest founders to fulfill roman procedure needed to get the approval of their Congregation. Therefore, the Venerable G^a. Lahiguera even says: "Truly the Lord has linked us; and you will pass to our history as the distinguished benefactors of this humble Congregation."



At a priest ordination 1953

Reported favors

- After 25 years of Venerable Don José María García Lahiguera's leaving, I thank publicly for his valuable and constant intercession, and for the grace to persevere in my priesthood. The spiritual presence of our beloved Bishop Don José María García Lahiguera, whose intercession we invoked in my Parish of Azucaica, has prevented certain diseases and dangers that I cannot and should not detail due to respect for several people. Because of this intercession here in Azucaica we thank Mgr. Lahiguera for these favors, and we wish his prompt beatification and subsequent canonization.

Gustavo de Santa María -priest- Toledo.

- Very grateful for all the favors received through the intercession of Father José María García, that helped us in a situation that was becoming untenable. We had a neighbor who due her bad temper and the mental disease of schizophrenia suffered was making our life a misery. As a consequence of this situation I got a deep depression and it took me a long time coming out of it. I found much consolation praying to Don José María and asking him to seek a solution because we could not carry on in that way. We had no rest day or night. I made many novenas, but finally the Father granted us the favor we desired so much. This neighbor eventually left the house, that was afterwards occupied by other very good neighbors. I thank God our Lord and Father José María for his intercession. I also thank the Father for another favor bestowed on us by the birth of our granddaughter. We asked him for all to come up well as the pregnancy was a bit complicated. Thanks to God and the Father Don José María intercession, all went okay. Very grateful.

Pilar B.