

“PURIFY MY SOUL WITH YOUR SIGHT, FOR IN YOUR PRESENCE ONLY LOVE REMAIN”

GRACES AND FAVORS

After my son had been jobless for almost two years, I prayed to Mother Maria del Carmen, so that he might at last find some job. I recited the prayer for private devotion that is on the card, insistently and repeating several novenas. Earlier than expected, he found a good job, befitting his studies, and he is now happy and satisfied. As I promised Mother Maria del Carmen –because thanks to her help and intercession this has been achieved, and I have no doubt of her mediation and her sanctity–, I am gratefully making a contribution for her process of beatification. Thank you very much, Mother.

D.G. - Madrid

My son spent almost the whole month of February trying to achieve the approval of a bank concession that was very difficult to attain. I asked Mother Maria del Carmen Hidalgo de Caviedes so that the deeds might be officially signed before February 28, and on the 26, the documents were signed. I want to keep my promise, and I share with you both my joy and my gratitude to God for having granted me my request through the intercession of the founder Mother.

Carmen Sagarra - Barcelona

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Prayer

O God, Almighty Father, you bestowed on your daughter Maria del Carmen a deep insight into the mystery of Christ Priest, so, moved by the Holy Spirit, she gave up her life in prayer and offering for the sanctification of the priests and the Church. We pray through her intercession You grant us with the grace we humbly plead, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory

(For private devotion. With ecclesiastical license)

In accordance with the decrees of Urban VIII in no way it's intended to prevent the judgment of the Church.

This prayer does not have any purpose of public worship.

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Servant of God

Mother María del Carmen
Hidalgo de Caviedes
y Gómez

Founder of the
Oblate Sisters of Christ Priest

FIRST RECOGNITION

During the years of Spanish postwar, vocations flourished generously. But, what kind of guarantee did that newborn «Priestly Work» offer? It was so incipient, so austere ... Besides, they were only four young women, unknown to everyone! Before sending vocations, priests would like to see some approval of the Church to have security. In fact, there were some rumors and contradictory comments on this work: some voices spoke of a sub-human way of life, others said they were extraordinary souls, almost pure spirits. Maria del Carmen, to stop gossip, presented their life plan to three doctors: an internist, a psychiatrist and psychologist and a general practitioner. The three doctors gave a favorable report and approved the plan, except for small warnings on food, which were thankfully accepted and put into practice.



M. Lucía Mª
1942



M. Mª Carmen
1942

In that Madrid that was trying to rise from the ruins, D. José María was soul, life and spokesman of the campaign «Day of the Seminary» organized in February 1944. And it is precisely after



Fontalbes Theatre in Old Madrid. Here José María García Lahiguera preached "Seminar Campaign" in February 1944.

that moment that priests began to take interest in the purpose of the Work, and when vocations began to come up, attracted by the ideal. Several candidates joined, and many more called insistently. The little convent had no more room. It was urgent to find a definitive home. And they also had to ask the bishop for their recognition as a pious union. D. José María signed the request and sent it to Monsignor Eijo Garay on July 26, 1944. But months passed without any response.

As for their final home, they found a good property in Ciudad Lineal, with a villa that could be transformed into a convent. There was only a problem: they did not have a penny to buy it. But vocations were waiting to join in, priests vibrated with charisma, so Mother Maria del Carmen boldly took and faced all the risks. Lots of prayers, lots of faith and lots of benefactors' charity were the basic elements to carry out the acquisition and the numerous works of what would be one day Mother-



Motherhouse. 1946



Cloister of the Motherhouse.
1946

house of the Oblate Sisters of Christ Priest. «Providence did not fail, but it had followed its own pace. It was hidden, silent, veiled ... we went through bitter, very bitter days of real distress».

That is how –the Providence being always the main support– the property was purchased on January 18, 1945; after nine months of almost miraculous works, the new convent was opened on October 11 of that year; and finally, the blessing of the chapel –a totally new building– took place on July 16, 1946.

On that day, Patriarch-Bishop Msgr. Eijo Garay, «after a few words of greeting, calmly, in that passive pose peculiar in him, asks his secretary a few pages he wants to read aloud. It's the Pious Union Decree for the Priestly Work!!!, which he has quietly kept in the drawer of his desk two years, while we were consuming up as if they were two centuries. Let us remember that it had been requested on July 26, 1944. The approval is dated September 12 of that year: a faster concession is impossible! And, he gives us, as the most natural thing, on July 16, 1946. He reads it slowly, with a gentle smile of complacency, and looking out of the corner of his eyes –over his glasses– at our expression that, you can guess, overflowed with cheerfulness, gratitude, deep joy in God. How many acts of faith, trust, devotion, we had to make while we waited! And what a gift is now the assurance, already firm and solid, that the Work is God's work!»



Mons. Leopoldo Eijo Garay

FROM THE WRITINGS OF MOTHER MARÍA DEL CARMEN

➤ We partake of his priesthood, really: in the degree and mode corresponding to the sacrament of Baptism, completely different, as we know, from the priestly order; but it is an unction, indeed. We are anointed in the priesthood of Christ through the Sacrament of Baptism: Sacrament that consecrates and seals indelibly, as neither erases the seal with which were anointed those who received the sacrament of holy orders.



➤ I have clear experience that, if we entrust him with our worries and anxieties, he abundantly relieves them according to his will; although that «according to His will» always carry an unequivocal sign: the Cross.

➤ I desire that we might live this living faith, that we might see God in everything: from the smallest detail –a thread that breaks or a hen that dies young– to the most sublime of spiritual life. A life of living faith; recognizing God's love in everything; putting aside our interests, because we have no other interest but God's.

➤ Holiness is not attained by pole vaulting, but through our humble daily steps, living every single moment with delicate faithfulness, dedicating ourselves to God's will in love.

