

“Purify my soul with Your sight, for in Your presence only love remain”



Biographical notice

Maria del Carmen Hidalgo de Caviedes y Gómez was born in Madrid on September 3, 1913, and was baptized on the 20th of that month. From a young age, she felt the calling to consecrate herself to the Lord. In the outbreak of the Spanish civil war, during the bombing of the “Cuartel de la Montaña” (a military headquarters), July 20, 1936, while she was in a Capuchin Church she experienced an inner force that moved her to offer her life for the sake of priests. On April 25, 1938, after a retreat given under the direction of Don José María García Lahiguera, they both committed themselves to founding a congregation of the contemplative life, to prolong in the Church the 'Priestly Prayer' of Christ: «I pray for them... And I consecrate myself for them» (Jn. 17). The Congregation of Oblate Sisters of Christ the Priest received Pontifical approval in 1967. Mother Maria del Carmen founded monasteries in Madrid, Salamanca, Zaragoza, Huelva, Moncada (Valencia), Javier (Navarra) and Oropesa (Toledo). She worked tirelessly, together with Don Jose Maria Garcia Lahiguera, so that the Feast of Christ the Priest might be included in the Liturgical calendar of the Church. She accomplished her offering, full of the peace and joy of saints on February 1st, 2001. Her remains lie in the Mother House of the Oblate Sisters of Christ Priest.

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Prayer

O God, Almighty Father, you bestowed a deep insight into the mystery of Christ the Priest on your daughter Maria del Carmen, who so moved by the Holy Spirit, gave up her life in prayer and offering for the sanctification of the priests and the Church. Grant us, through her intercession, the grace we humbly beg of you, through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Our Father, Hail Mary, 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
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Founder of the
Oblate Sisters of Christ the Priest

FROM THE WRITINGS OF MOTHER MARIA DEL CARMEN

- The priest is the innermost heartbeat of Christ, he is "another Him". Without priests, Christ would not be among us, we would have no Eucharist, no forgiveness in our souls.

- Recognizing the truth of what we are is a grace that only God can give. It is God's grace, and therefore with prayer it is to be achieved.

- Lose the mire of misery, lack of love and sin in the sight of God's love, which purifies and burns. May the soul rest in that infinite mercy that forgives with all encompassing forgiveness, which forgets and attracts again with a new gaze.

- The imposition of years is relentless (I tell you from experience) and it is a very good and rich oblation to accept one's own limits, abandoning oneself totally to God's will. Yes, my Daughter, living and dying constantly in His will means plunging into a bottomless abyss of peace, joy, union with Him.

- If each of us were really what God wants for us in holiness and dedication, although we were in the last corner, we would turn over the face of the Church.

- I am craving for big and detached souls who lose themselves in God, who forget themselves, to have no other life, problems or interests than those of Christ.



Concluding the investigational research on the virtues and fame of sanctity of the Servant of God Maria del Carmen Hidalgo de Caviedes y Gómez, the closing of the diocesan phase of her beatification process will take place shortly in Madrid. - Easter 2016.



In 1950 the Bishop of Madrid-Alcalá erected the religious congregation diocesan law "Oblates of Christ the Priest" and designated the same Mother Maria del Carmen as Superior General of the Congregation, whose religious name (until 1967) would be "Mary of Christ the Priest". The decree signed by Monsignor Eijo Garay summarized the foundation's beginning:

"For the feast day of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, June 24, 1938, while the civil war devastated Spain, five very pious young women in Madrid, sadly enslaved by the yoke of communism, started a life of prayer and devotion to the sanctification of priests and seminarians, under the direction of Dr. D. José María García Lahiguera. At the head of these young women, as true foundress, was Maria del Carmen Hidalgo de Caviedes y Gómez, who under the direction of the founder, worked the best that she could to bring about the foundation. The special purpose of this institution, according to what has been said, is prayer so that priests and seminarians receive an unending supply of graces for their sanctification (with a positive and universal meaning). It was the constant wish of the associates that the private promises they chose of poverty, obedience and chastity, as well as the oblation for the sanctification of priests, were changed to vows made in public, in faith of the Church, embracing the religious state; and we too have the same wish for the good of the Church and of these same souls".




To continue the beating of the Christ's Heart

Continuing, the bishop determines that "the Superior General will profess her vows on the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, June 16". He gives this reason: "So that the sisters always remember the feast in which the work of Christ the Priest started", which is to say, the moment that the foundational group was defined. Following in the steps of the foundress, the Oblate Sisters use to take perpetual vows on the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Mother Maria del Carmen, consecrated as a spouse, knew how to listen most intimately this Prietly Heart beats; and thus, she knew how to instill in her daughters the reason for being an Oblate, which is the continuation of Christ's Heart beating in the Church: "pro eis rogo et sanctifico".




Graces and Favors

 My son finished technical engineering and then made higher studies, but afterwards he couldn't find a job. He spent two years looking. He interviewed in many places and became very discouraged. However, we did not stop praying. In October, I asked my parish priest for a prayer book, and I saw he carried some brochures, one of which was of a priest, another of a nun. I asked him if he could lend them to me. I started the novena to Mother Maria del Carmen. A few days later, my son was called for an interview. At the end of the novena, he was called again to start work. All this happened very quickly. For me it is a miracle that Mother Carmen attained from God. Thank God and the Mother.

Antonia Gómez — Torrejón de Ardoz



 One of my daughters had a hard time when her boyfriend broke up with her. My wife and I were very worried about her suffering and so we turned to the intercession of the founder mother asking her for a good outcome as soon as possible. Well, six months later my daughter met another young man who was fantastic. He was a practicing Catholic too. She met him in the parish where she normally attends Mass and now they have fixed the wedding date for a few months from now. We have never seen our daughter so focused and so happy! And we know that it is due to the intercession of Mother Maria del Carmen. We are now giving thanks to her.

Juan Álvarez de Toledo - Madrid