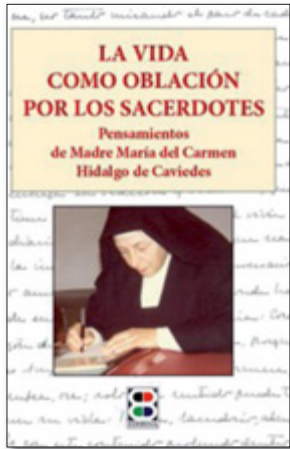


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"Life as an Oblation for Priests.
Thoughts of Mother Maria del
Carmen Hidalgo de Caviedes"
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Biographical Notice

Mother Maria del Carmen Hidalgo de Caviedes y Gómez was born on September 3, 1913, in Madrid. On July 20, 1936, during the bombing of the head-quarters of the Mountain, she experienced an inner strength that moved her to offer her life for priests, realizing the urgent need of the holy priest to celebrate the Eucharist and offer the life of God for souls.

On April 25, 1938, she and the Venerable José Maria Garcia Lahiguera committed themselves to founding a congregation of the contemplative life, to prolong in the Church the "priestly prayer" of Christ: "Pro eis, ego rogo et sanctifico meipsum" (*I pray for them and I consecrate myself for them* -Jn 17,9.19). The Congregation received papal 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 Venerable Garcia Lahiguera for the insertion of the Feast of Christ the Priest in the liturgical calendar of the Church. This feast was approved for Spain in August 1973.

Stripped of everything and drawn towards God she consummated her oblation, full of peace and joy of the saints, in Madrid on February 1, 2001.

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Prayer

O God, Almighty Father, you bestowed 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 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

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y Gómez**

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MOTHER MARÍA DEL CARMEN



- My only strength is the mercy of God, his eternal love that never tires, which never wears out.
- It is true I do not know how to see things but through God's will; and so, I'm neither pleased nor disappointed. I know I only want that his will be done. I know that I only seek his glory; and how things materialize for that purpose does not worry me.
- The «*pro eis*» of Christ must be lived with the full extent with which he pronounced his Priestly Prayer. The «*pro eis*» («*for them*») was not limited to «*them*»: priests. In this «*pro eis*» Christ, with the heart of the Eternal Priest, with burning charity, prays «*for them*»;

but «*them*» for what they are ordained: to give the life of God to souls, to extend the Kingdom of God.

• The spirit of the Church (which is ours) is not in being an independent canton, little chapel, but to have that breadth and collaboration in all priestly work.

• Faith is dark along the way, but what a resplendent light it has (which surrounds and pervades) when the mystery of love, that is the Eucharist, the Church, the Priesthood is lived!



CLOSING SESSION OF THE DIOCESAN PHASE OF THE BEATIFICATION PROCESS

On May 13, 2016, at Mother House of the Oblate Sisters of Christ the Priest, the closing session of the diocesan process for the beatification of Mother Maria del Carmen Hidalgo de Caviedes y Gómez was held. The Archbishop of Madrid, Monsignor Carlos Osoro, presided



over the ceremony, attended by numerous priests, devotees of the founder and several members of her family. They formed the diocesan court for the case Rev. Ricardo Quintana Bescós, Episcopal Delegate, Rev. Juan José Infantes Barroso, Promoter of Justice, and Rev. Alberto Andres Dominguez, Chancellor-Secretary of the Archbishop's curia, acting as notary.

The Postulator of the Cause, Ms. Mary of the Angels Santiago Hernando explained in her speech the development of this process, in which they have declared a total of 48 witnesses, including 6 bishops, 10 priests, 8 laity, 4 relatives of the Servant of God and 20 Oblate Sisters. After observing the established protocol, Monsignor Osoro thanked God for the moment that the church in Madrid is currently living at the closing of this diocesan process. He recalled the figure of Maria del Carmen Hidalgo de Caviedes as a woman of worth who gave her life as an oblation for priests' holiness and founded, in collaboration with José María García Lahiguera, the Congregation of the Oblate Sisters of Christ Priest. The prelate affirmed that these religious want to continue making their lives «an offering to God, so that those who have graciously received the priestly ministry, live in that same holiness and life of Jesus Christ we have received and show it in our lives».



«We know, added D. Carlos, that the Lord wanted to keep his living presence until He comes again through the priestly ministry. In the Eucharist, when the priest says «*take and eat, this is my body*», it is Jesus himself in those moments.» The archbishop said that priests are also sinners like everyone else, but they are called to holiness, to make Him really present in this history so that, for their ministry, men can see the presence of Jesus Christ himself at their side, close to them in their lives.

The prelate concluded by reading some thoughts of Mother Maria del Carmen taken from the little book «*Life as an Oblation for Priests*», recently edited, and urged everyone to have a thirst for God, for Jesus Christ, for true life. He stated that «here in Madrid there is a hunger for God, and therefore, holy priests are needed to gather all men around the table which the Lord has set. He who has given them His word and the saving food which makes us grow and have a heart that grows bigger everyday».

