

Reported favors

My son was suddenly afflicted with a very strong pain that prevented him from walking. At the Hospital, they made a thorough examination and diagnosed him with a very aggressive cancer. A week later, he had surgery done. I was imploring the Lord for my son to come back safe and sound. Two days before the operation, it crossed my mind to pray the prayer I have of the Reverend Mother Maria del Carmen. I do not know how to explain it. I was in great pain inside, but at the same time full of confidence and optimism. During the operation, the doctors realized it was not what they expected to find, which perplexed them. They continued to investigate, totally amazed, until the entire team was convinced that there was no cancerous tumor, although the operation was necessary because the veins could have ruptured and he could have bled to death. In the presence of God, we are sure that Mother Maria del Carmen interceded for my son Luis and the whole family. I include a small donation. Affectionately,

María Farrington - Durham, U.K.



A friend of mine who had a pancreatic tumor was going to be operated. The doctors said it was malignant. I entrusted it to Mother M^a del Camen Hidalgo de Caviedes, and the operation went very well, thank God. After a year, he is living a normal life, for which I am grateful for the intercession of the Servant of God.

R. M. Martín - Toledo

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 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 decree of Pope Urban VIII, in no way it is intended to prevent the judgment of the Church. This prayer does not have any purpose of public worship.

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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Servant of God

**Mother M.^a del Carmen
Hidalgo de Caviedes
y Gómez**

Founder of the
Oblate Sisters of Christ the Priest

WHY "OBLATE OF CHRIST PRIEST"?

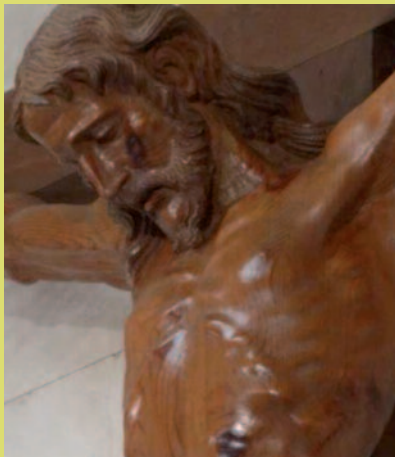


Mother Maria del Carmen defined herself as "*Oblate*", because she felt called to "*give capacity*" to the *one and only oblation* of Christ (cf. Heb 10,14), allowing him to live in her the traits of his oblativ love.

And "*of Christ the Priest*", because all her spirituality is centered on Him: Jesus

Christ, and Him as Priest (cf. I Co 2,2): "*Look at Him. Contemplate Him within the soul... taste his priestly love, let yourself be burned in the*

zeal of his soul that makes him obedient to death on a cross... Jesus Christ, Eternal Word, realization of the Father's Will, said: "Father, sacrifices and holocausts you took no delight in"; then, "Behold, I come to do your Will" (cf. Heb 10, 5.7). Christ offering himself constantly in a life of love, returning love and Glory to the Father. This is lived out by diluting oneself in the Will of God through the will of others. This is lived out in the simple life, which turns heroic by love and perseverance in small acts. Saying in joy and in affliction, in desolation and in consolation: "Only your will, o Father", fulfilled with fullness of love."



"Pro eis": In these two words she synthesized the mission -of perennial actuality- that the Lord entrusted to her. "*Pro eis*" was a cry of infinite love, "to the end" (cf. Jn 13,1), which escaped from the Heart of Christ when He instituted the priesthood, laying the foundation of his Church. "*Pro eis*", because they are the builders of that Mystical Body: the Church. "*Pro eis*", because they must revitalize that Church with new children of God; "*Pro eis*", because they are other Christs who give their lives for souls, who make up the Church with them... They are Christ for their priesthood, and they have to be Christ in their life. He calls them to intimacy.

The priest is the most intimate beat of the Heart of Christ; he is "another He". If they were not, Christ would not be among us, we would not have Christ-Eucharist or forgiveness in our soul.

What a mystery of love is the priest! His holiness is a demand of love. "Consecrate them in the Truth!" (cf. Jn 17,17)



FOR PRIESTS

AND ASPIRING TO THE PRIESTHOOD

Please pray for me because a flame of vocation for religious and priestly life still emanates from my heart. I am invoking the heavenly intercession of Madre Maria del Carmen Hidalgo de Caviedes y Gómez, so that I may discern it properly. With those prayers, I am humbly requesting a relic card. We will continue to pray through the intercession of Madre María del Carmen Hidalgo de Caviedes y Gomez, especially for the sick people.

L. S. - Bulacan, Philippines

I am writing to ask you for writings from Mother María del Carmen, since everything I have read and meditated on what she has written has helped me a lot in knowing the will of God. And if possible, also the comment made by D. José María to the words "Purify my soul, Lord with your sight, for in your presence only love remain", that so many seminarians pray before receiving the Lord.

V.G. -Toledo, Spain

I am a catholic seminarian from the Philippines and a devotee of Mother Maria del Carmen. She is one of my inspirations in my priestly vocation. I always ask for her intercession that God may strengthen me in my journey to the Priesthood, especially in my struggles and difficulties. She gave me such inspiration and profound knowledge of what my vocation is all about, thus, she is my model to follow Christ in impossible ways, to be humble in everything. In this regard, I would like to request you to send me a relic of this blessed woman that would remind me of her unwavering faith. I believe that it will help me in spreading the devotion to her in my own little ways.

J. A. - Plaridel, Philippines

I wish to ask you to entrust me next to the tomb of the Mother, so that she may intercede for me, because I have received a new obedience -go to another parish-, which has been very difficult for me to accept. May I know how to respond to this new episode of my priestly and personal life. I would also like to know how the processes are going, a little word about the Mother.

P. J. C.- San José, Costa Rica

