

Testimonies on the passing of M. M^a del Carmen (2001)

Her life, closely linked to that of Don José María, was for everyone an example of dedication to the service of the Church in her prayer and offering on behalf of priests.

Bishop José Gea



She has fulfilled her commitment to "carry out God's will, to the very end, no matter the cost." She has run her race well, and now she will receive the well-deserved crown of glory that God always bestows upon his faithful children (cf. 2 Tim. 4:7)

Fr. Juan Miguel Ferrer



I entrust myself to her, so that we priests may become better and ever more the image of the One Priest.

Fr. Pablo Domínguez



With heartfelt gratitude to the Lord, who inspired in Mother María del Carmen and Bishop José María the charism of total dedication to His priests.

Nuncio Manuel Monteiro de Castro

I am sure that she already enjoys the presence of Jesus Christ, the Lord, since she has demonstrated her love for Him on earth, represented by His ministers, the priests.

Bishop Ramón Malla y Call



From heaven, with D. José María, she will help us even more than on earth.

Fr. Baldomero Jiménez Duque

She will watch over all contemplative life, for which she has been a beautiful example.

Sister M. Magdalena Carretero, OCD.



I think these giants of the spirit should remain among us to instill in us their courage, faith and, ultimately, their spirit.

Sister Dolores Martínez, S. d. J.



She allowed herself to be enlightened by the Holy Spirit

I remember meeting her on a trip to Spain. I was living in Rome and working as an official at the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life. It was the post-Vatican II era, when all religious institutes were trying to revise their constitutions. Her simplicity, her program of spiritual life and prayer left me speechless. I was very surprised by the new form of organization that was being proposed to us: a specifically contemplative life, but with elements from institutes of apostolic life, such as certain aspects of

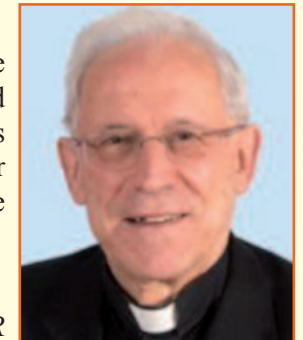


governance, opportunities for sisters to exchange within the institute, formative aspects, financial exchange, and so on. I always found her receptive to any proposal aimed at helping the institute and the sisters live their consecrated lives with greater intensity

and dedication. Her attitude of reverence and obedience to the Holy See was admirable and complete.

On a personal level, my admiration and respect for her were so great that one day, finding myself in a very difficult situation, I called her. She listened patiently, offered advice, and shared encouraging and inspiring words that calmed me and restored my peace. I have no doubt that Mother María del Carmen is one of those saints who went through life doing good with simplicity, certainly without dazzling pronouncements. She allowed herself to be enlightened by the Holy Spirit to discover a new charism in service to the Church, which she loved so much. She knew how to listen to the signs of the times and discover a specifically contemplative way of life that would help young people follow Jesus more closely, with a new spirit.

The charism and spirituality of praying to Christ the High and Eternal Priest is surely helping, protecting and confirming many of us who strive to conform ourselves to Christ the Priest. We pray that the sainthood of Mother María del Carmen Hidalgo de Caviedes will soon be recognized.



+ Eusebio Ignacio Hernández Sola, OAR

Reported graces

• I want to express my gratitude for the graces received through the intercession of Mother María del Carmen Hidalgo de Caviedes, to whom I entrusted two difficult health issues. One concerned my wife, a condition that was initially diagnosed as cancer by several doctors but turned out to be a benign tumor. And also, her intercession helped me overcome severe depression.

Anonymous

• Five years ago, my aunt was diagnosed with advanced lung cancer with several brain metastases. She began treatment, but after a few months, seeing that she wasn't responding, the doctors sent her home with palliative care. As soon as I found out, I entrusted her to Mother María del Carmen. Shortly afterward, they providentially secured my aunt an appointment at the Navarra Clinic in Madrid. Although the doctors didn't give her any hope, they offered her some experimental treatment options. Currently, the same doctors can't explain how the cancer has stopped progressing. My aunt is without treatment for the tumor, and although weakened, is living a normal life. I give infinite thanks to Mother Maria del Carmen for her intercession, trusting that everything is for the greater glory of God.

A. M-R.— Madrid

• Early in my religious formation, I experienced an inner crisis and felt it was impossible for me to continue. I was overwhelmed by fear. Reading the writings of Mother María del Carmen, a phrase she often repeated caught my attention: "Thy will be done." I entrusted myself to her and asked her to help me embrace God's will. After a month, I myself asked to continue. Perhaps I wasn't granted the grace of being rid of my fears, but I was given the grace to leap over them.

T. P. - Perú



Prayer

For private devotion. With ecclesiastical license.

O God, Almighty Father, you bestowed a deep insight into the mystery of Christ the Priest on your daughter Maria del Carmen, who 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.

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.

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and fame of holiness

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Servant of God

María del Carmen Hidalgo de Caviedes

Founder of the
Oblate Sisters of Christ the Priest



**“To live according to God’s will is to plunge into a
bottomless abyss of peace, joy and happiness.”**

In 2026 we commemorate the 25th anniversary of the death of M. María del Carmen (February 1, 2001). Here are some excerpts from her letters, which express her feelings in the final stage of her life.

«The imposition of the years is relentless (I say this from experience), and it is a very good and rich offering to accept one's own limitations by surrendering completely to His Will. Yes, Daughter, to live and die constantly in His Will is to plunge into a bottomless abyss of peace, joy, and union with Him» (*Letter to Sister Isabel Churruga*, October 1993).



«Life passes quickly, and there is still a way to go to reach the goal of holiness that He sets for us; we must make the most of our time and every opportunity that arises in daily life. And we must be constant. Holiness is not achieved by leaping from pole vaults, but step by step in each day, in each moment lived with faithful devotion, in loving surrender to the Will of God. How easy and how certain the path to holiness is if we live it this way!» (*Letter to Sister María Cruz Revenga*, January 26, 1994).

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