

PRAYER REQUESTING GRACES

Almighty and Merciful God!

We thank you and bless you because you instilled in the heart of Blessed Francisco Palau a singular love for the Church, the mystical body of Christ, you discovered him beauty figurated in Mary, and you enlightened him to serve her with prayer and apostolate. Grant us his prompt canonization in the Church and now the special grace that through his intercession we ask you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

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Francisco Palau y Quer: a gift for the Church

"It is not in our power to order our steps" (LET. 18).

The letters as a whole, among oWe find ourselves deep in the reading of the letters of Palau. Earlier, we saw a small group of letters about the work of God that accomplishes Love in us.

On this occasion we will deal with two groups of cards, very interesting for their themes. The first is composed of letters 14 to 17 from the years 1853 and 1854, which make known the purpose and methodology of the School of Virtue. They correspond to the years of growth and suppression of this project. In Letter 16 addressed to Mr. Melchor Ordoñez y Viana, governor of Barcelona, he states: *"Your Excellency: His Excellency the Bishop, my most worthy Prelate, has communicated to me an order of this government, according to which the School of Virtue, which is under my direction in the parish church of St. Augustine, has been suppressed."*

The second group consists of letters 18 to 36 corresponding to the years 1854 and 1855. The letters are addressed to friends, disciples and collaborators of the School of Virtue. In them he speaks of his exile in Ibiza and the hope of being able to reopen the School.

In these letters he undertakes a rereading of God's will, manifests his weariness in the face of events and a great concern for his followers. These letters show us a Francis who is human, fragile and abandoned to God's will: *"We speak, project, make and unmake plans as creatures walking in a dark world, and God, who sees our thoughts, perhaps laughs at them, and in his wisdom has other plans arranged."* (Ct. 19:7).

Let us approach these letters where Francis shares with us, once again, an important time in his life.

PHRASES : Small physiognomies of his mind

in Writings, letters 23;2.

"Dear friend: Even if we are very bad, we all have some good in us, and God uses this goodness to work for good and to make good use of the lot he has given us. For this bit of goodness he finds in us

he takes mercy on us and saves us. Of course, you are a rascal, but you have some good in you (...).
How pleased I am with you! We

are comrades in arms and we have fought together. I have not seen you tremble, but undaunted you have thrown yourself upon the enemy"