



## The Eternal Fruit of Holiness



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What is a sower looking for? No doubt, seeing what he has sown bear fruit. Morning and day, whether he sleeps or rises, the seed germinates and grows, he knows not how. God the Father is the farmer (cf. John 15:1) who wants us to succeed in life. His word is a wonderful opportunity to open the door of our hearts to the Holy Spirit, who is the one who fills with eternal value each of our works, even the most mundane and common, if we do them with love. He wants to sow in us the desire for holiness, to live a full and fruitful life, reminding us that the Holy Spirit works in our souls without our knowing it and makes our lives bear fruit without us knowing how.

A life given entirely to God by Blessed Francisco Palau, Sister Teresa Mira and Blessed Fr. Luis Domingo Oliva, is for us an invitation to be a seed that germinates day and night.

“Let’s do good to everyone and don’t look at who we do it to” Teresa Mira.

“A perfect act of charity is nothing else than a total and perfect gift of oneself to God.” M.R. 3,10.

## GOING OUT TO MEET MY NEIGHBOUR: THE PATH TO HOLINESS

Every time we talk or think about “holiness” we usually think of a consecrated person or a Church figure with great virtues. While this is true, they are not the only ones, since on a daily basis we relate to many people who make us more human and who, as Pope Francis says, “**are luminous reflections of God in history**”.

One thing that makes me fall in love when I look at Jesus is to see his ability to give and give himself by going out to meet others. This movement generates self-knowledge, solidarity and mutual love; it restores dignity and reintegrates people into society, in short, it produces a bond of “holiness”. In this way, Jesus is faithfully fulfilling the inheritance of his Father-Mother God, who has been meeting humanity since its origin.

From Palau’s point of view, we are presented with the “Beloved”, the Church, who goes forth to encounter Francisco Palau, as we can read in one of his books called My Relations 22:17: “**I found you because you came out to meet me. I found you because you**

**made yourself known.**” The Church also comes forth to encounter us, and moves us to listen to others, to build bridges, to be a “mission” in the Palautian style, in building relationships of life, bonds of humanity and of holiness for “... Christ’s love urges us on” (2 Cor. 5:14).

I conclude with number 148 of Aparecida (2007): In sharing this mission the disciples journey toward holiness. Living it in mission leads them into the heart of the world. Hence, holiness is not a flight toward self-absorption or toward religious individualism, nor does it mean abandoning the urgent reality of the enormous economic, social, and political problems of Latin America and the world, let alone a flight from reality toward an exclusively spiritual world.

To remember: “**Holiness is not made up of a few heroic acts, but of much daily love.**” (Pope Francis)

*Mr. Alejandro Cuturrufu*  
Palautian Layman.



## 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 figured 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



# Francisco Palau a tireless seeker

*"In the night I sought the love of my soul  
(Song 3,1).*

Before we ever seek God, he is seeking for us. He comes to us and reveals himself to us. This is the amazing and wonderful story of the relationship of God with man, of the relationship of Christ with the Church, of the relationship of Father Francisco Palau with his Beloved, the Church.

Francisco sought for God with passion and persistence. He was aware of the fire of love burning in his heart from young age, and this passion grew and grew to fill and consume his heart. He sought in faith, which is the adequate response to the invitation of God to us to enter his company, to enter into a relationship of love with Him. He sought in hope, but for many years feeling unsatisfied with his relationship with his Beloved. *"Not satisfied, I searched for her within and outside myself, and I did not find her."*

and fueled by the theological virtues of faith, hope and love. And after many years, surprise! The church herself came to seek him, to find him, to reveal herself to him. Palau the seeker found himself as the one sought and found: **the betrothal with her was ratified in faith, hope and love... love was consummated with the bonds of spiritual matrimony in faith, hope and charity.**

The Catechism tells us that the theological virtues make us capable of participating in the divine nature, to live a relationship with the Holy Trinity. These virtues grew in Blessed Francisco Palau and disposed him for his remarkable relationship of love with the Beloved Church. .

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His search was accompanied

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in Writings, MR. fragments II:4.

"From that day I began to invoke her and to call her:

Daughter of my beloved Father! I was far from calling her "My Daughter," though I knew her, for

she had occupied my thoughts for more than twenty years, but there was no relationship between me and her that I understood, nor did I think possible, there was such spiritual commerce and

communication."

# FROM NOVELDA TO HEAVEN

The Mira García family moved in 1912 to Novelda, city of grapes and marble. There Teresa entered domestic service in the house of two elderly ladies of distinguished lineage. She remained there until April 1915, when she joined the Carmelite sisters. During these three years she grew in her prayer life, her love for Our Lady of Mount Carmel and devotion to the Infant Jesus of Prague.

Six months later she received the habit on October 12, 1915. She made her first vows on October 13, 1916, in the “Casa Madre” in Tarragona. During this time, her virtues of a gentle, affectionate character, a calm temperament, serenity of spirit, and a determined will, grew stronger.

She began her religious life and illness and suffering were to accompany her in her various postings of Alcalá de Chivert, San Jorge and Novelda.

In 1936 the Spanish civil war broke out and the sisters had

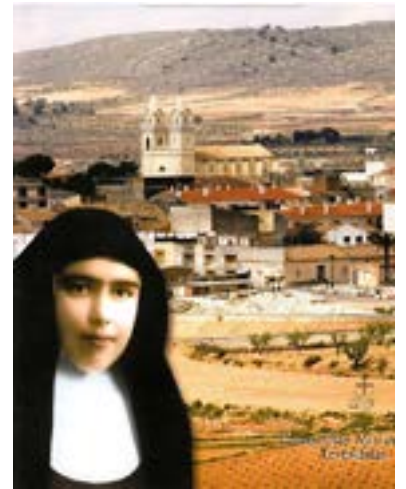
to leave the convent. Mrs. Lola Maceres, who already knew Teresa, welcomed her into her home throughout the war. Her job was cooking, cleaning and shopping. As she stood in line to make purchases she prayed and gave witness of patience and of charity... Teresa was a soul of peace.

On her return to community life, she was in charge of the entrance office at the school in Novelda. People visited her constantly and she attended to everyone... always with a smile on her lips.

Her illness progressed little by little, her face grew pale and gaunt. Her life was running out. On the night of February 25, she could no longer go on, she was suffocating. And around 1:30 a.m., on Ash Wednesday in 1941, she left us.

Bells can be heard ringing and there are violets on the coffin... Teresa is now enjoying God in heaven.

*Sr. Concepción Prieto, CMT.*



PRAYER REQUESTING GRACES

**O God, who takes pleasure in humble and simple souls!**

*Glorify your Servant Teresa who made her life ideal to love you without ostentation and give herself for your love to those who encountered her, grant that we may know how to serve and love you like her, without reservation, and now the grace we ask you through her intercession. Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.*

## WITNESS: The Power of Testimony

for *The Power of a Testimony*, pg. 55

«Their parents wanted to move to Novelda, where there were better prospects of placing their children well. It was hard for Teresa to go to Novelda...

“You want to take me to Novelda, but you’ll remember.”

“Well, nothing, my child, I don’t want to remember anything,” replied the mother. Teresa reacted

and said to her mother: “I never go backwards, always forwards”»



## LET US NOT FORGET THE MARTYRS

for PASTOR MIRALLES, Josefa, Tertiary Carmelite Brothers, Ed. CMT, 1998, 25-26.

Brother Luís Domingo Oliva was born on 11.1.1892 in Reus (Tarragona). He was the son of Lorenzo and Antonia, farmers and advanced in age. He entered the Institute of Carmelite Brothers of Teaching in 1906 at the age of 14, which suggests that he entered as an aspirant.

In 1910 he had to make his first religious profession, as he participated as a delegate in the General Chapter held in Tarragona on 25.9.1920, for which ten years of profession were required. In the census signed in his own handwriting by the Superior General H. Cosme de Ocerin, on 3.12.1910, he appears with 4 years of residence in Tarragona and as an "assistant professor".

He always remained in the community of the Tarragona college[...]. Perhaps, for a short time, he went to the school of El Vendrell, although all the other years until his death he was in Tarragona.

The famous radio reporter Josep M<sup>a</sup> Tarrasa mentions Brother Luis in his Memories, Tarragona 1995, 236-237.

He remembers with particular affection his way of celebrating the saint of the brothers as a family and highlights as characteristic his austerity of life and the good relationship with the Discalced Carmelites, in whose courtyard of "La Punxa" in C/ Asalto they took the end-of-year photograph.

He was 44 years old when he was imprisoned along with his Carmelite brothers from teaching on the steamer "Rio Segre", after having been discovered in the house of the parents of Brother Buenaventura Toldrà, where they had taken refuge. Together they suffered martyrdom, being shot on the wall of the cemetery of Torredembarra (Tarragona) on November 11, 1936.

On November 14, 1941, his remains were transferred to the church of the Discalced Carmelites in Tarragona. His cause for canonization is initiated with the group of martyrs of the faith of the archbishopric of Tarragona.

## REMEMBER...

*Celebrations, memorials and events of our Palautian family to keep in mind.*



REMEMBER OF DEATH OF SR.  
TERESA MIRA  
(1941)



REMEMBER OF DEATH OF  
FRANCISCO PALAU  
(1872)



PRIESTLY ORDINATION OF  
FRANCISCO PALAU  
(1836)



TERESA MIRA BEGINS  
HER POSTULANCY IN THE  
CONGREGATION (1915)



APPROVAL OF THE HEROIC  
VIRTUES OF TERESA MIRA  
(1996)



BEATIFICATION OF FR.  
FRANCISCO PALAU  
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