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"Having found the Beloved, my spirit is no longer occupied in seeking, so my energies must be used to serve her and to fulfil the mission which the heavenly Father thinks fit to give me with respect to her." (MR 8,24).

With these words of Fr. Palau I would like to summarize the themes of this edition: holiness by Alejandro Cuturrufo, the search for the Church in Palau by Sister Angela Moloney, prayer in Sister Teresa Mira by Sister Sabina Gonzalez, along with the account of a grace granted through the intercession of Fr. Palau to Mrs. Marisa Dos Santos. Holiness is not attained once and for all; rather it calls for the desire to do God's will to be renewed every day. His will is discovered in prayer and revealed in the faces of our brothers and sisters. A constant effort is required to follow the path of our mission: creating communion, proclaiming the beauty of every human being, restoring their beauty wherever it is veiled and not visible, listening to and responding to new needs.

All this with the desire to fulfill the dream that Palau has for us: to be a family, to be and to build the Church, on a synodal journey. Important attitudes for this are a passionate heart and a listening ear, generosity and perseverance, fraternity and a contemplative gaze.

LIVING IN MISSION: KEY TO PALAUTIAN HOLINESS

We often ask ourselves how to live holiness, and sometimes we lift our eyes to heaven in search of answers. This is a very human way of searching for the transcendent, as we have learned in our catechetical processes.

This path of search for holiness for every Palautian is based in everyday life. We call it **"Mission"**.

"Mission" from the Palautian perspective, is more than pastoral activities or missionary assignments in a specific place. Rather it is a life choice, which implies **that my life, your life, our life, is MISSION**.

In this Mission, we are not alone. Francisco Palau tells us in dialogue with the Church: **"For I am not an individual; I am the kingdom of God, the holy Jerusalem; I have a head, members, relations among themselves and with**

the head, I have a spirit and soul which gives me life..." (MR 5:4).

Therefore, living in Mission is the key to holiness for a follower of Palau. He invites us to live communion, to discover the beauty of the other (who is the Church) and to be concerned about urgent needs of our brothers and sisters and the violation of the rights.

"Living in Mission" should move us to translate into life the four missionary pillars of our Palautian family, since they guide us in the incessant search for holiness as a navigational compass.

From the Palautian point of view... your life is Mission"

Mr. Alejandro Cuturrufo
Palautian Layman.

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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

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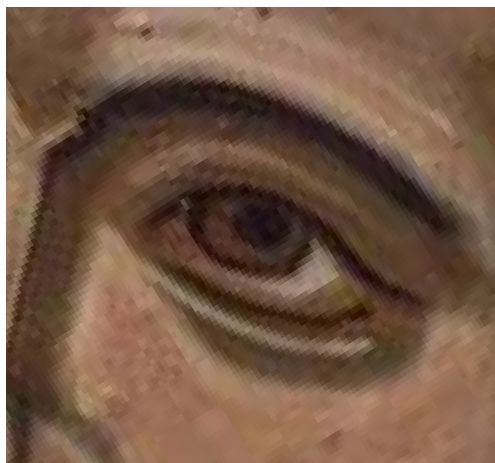
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"I am the Spouse of the Lamb and yours"

If Saint Teresa discovered the Holy Trinity within herself, in the centre of her heart, Palau found himself in the heart of the Trinity

Our Father Founder sought the joy of love with passion and persistence, he sought his Beloved in faith, hope and love, and was astonished to find that he was the one sought and the one found, when the Church came forth to meet him and to enter into a deep relationship of love with him.

With fear and trembling, Palau explored and tried to define the ways in which the Church was revealing herself to him, his relationships with the Church. The Church revealed herself to Palau in two fundamental relationships of daughter to father (filial) and beloved spouse to husband (marital).

The Church says to him: *I am the Spouse of the Lamb and yours. Palau shared in and experienced the marital love of Christ for the Church.*

The Church says to him: *I am the Daughter of the Eternal Father and yours.* Palau understood and experienced that he shared in the fatherhood of the Father. He was able to taste, to experience the love of God the Father for the Church, for his sons and daughters.

In this dynamic of love towards his beloved Daughter and Spouse he was moved by the Holy Spirit who is the love of the Father and of the Son, the bond which keeps him united by grace and by love with the Daughter of God and the Spouse of the Lamb.

In faith, hope and love, Palau entered into relationship with each Person of the Most Holy Trinity, and he experienced the love flowing forth from the Divine Persons towards the Holy Church. This amazing experience he lived always within the communion of love, gift of the Holy Spirit. Hence he can say that all his relations with the Son of God and His Father are in relation with the Church. He, as it were, looks outward from his place within the very heart of God towards the Church, experiencing his fatherhood in the Father, his being as lover and spouse in the Son. *If Saint Teresa discovered the Holy Trinity within herself, in the centre of her heart, Palau found himself in the heart of the Trinity.*

Sr. Angela Moloney, CMT

PHRASES : Small physiognomies of his mind

in Writings, MR. fragments III; 3.

I revealed myself to you gradually [...].

You saw my riches and the inexhaustible treasures of virtue and graces. And now I uncover my face, I reveal my spirit to you, and show you my heart and my love for you, because your love for me, your loyalty, your fidelity have not failed in the long, harsh and difficult trials...

I am all yours because I love you...

SISTER TERESA MIRA: TEACHER OF LIFE AND PRAYER

Personal prayer is a very spiritual and healthy resource.

This is how Sister Teresa saw it, as her sister Magdalena tells us: “One day I surprised her in a room and asked her, ‘What are you doing here alone and in the dark?’ And she, without getting upset at all, told me that she was meditating. I asked her how meditation was done and that she teach me how to meditate, since it seemed difficult to me. She answered me with candor and simplicity.

‘It is very easy. If you can’t do it in the church before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, you can do it at home. You withdraw to a place alone, and put yourself in the presence of God. Your position does not matter, the important thing is to really enter into God’s presence, and that nothing in this world distract you. Talk to him about whatever you want and ask him to your heart’s content.’

Yes, contemplative prayer is allowing yourself to be possessed

by and merging with the Other, it is giving yourself in order to live fully. It is dying to our ego in order to free our freedom and to be who we really are... that immense potential that so many times we are not even aware of and that fulfills us. True happiness is within us. In order to get the best out of ourselves (and that is what Christ came for and taught us) we have to pray. Prayer transforms us.

Prayer nourished Sister Teresa’s spirit and made it overflow for the benefit of those who came into contact with her. All those who knew her, all those who testified, affirmed that she lived united to God and that she demonstrated this union in her treatment of others, her service to others.

Do we not experience joy when we wear ourselves out for love of others?

Always do good to all.

*Sr. Sabina González Forner,
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: She is always right with what she advises

for Positio, 57.

«Her sister Magdalena writes: “You did not lack words of comfort and good advice for all those who asked you. Doña Lola was right when she said: I don’t know how this Teresa manages, you can see that the Holy Spirit must blow in her ear what she has to say to each one, because she has not had studies, but she is always right with what she advises»



WHY NOT ME?... THY WILL BE DONE, O LORD!

In this short article I want to share what happened to me some years ago. I am Marisa Inés Dos Santos, Argentinian, born in Curuzú Cuatiá, former student of the Institute of Our Lady of the Pillar, of the Teresian Carmelite Missionary Sisters.

In February 2019 I received from the doctor who treated me, the news of colon cancer with metastasis in the liver. That same day I visited the Blessed Sacrament and prayed: "Lord, you gave me three sons on this earth, please don't take me yet." Then I went to the school to visit the sisters, to tell them the news of the cancer and ask for prayers. I was greeted by the Sisters Blanca Vargas and Alcira Blanco who, with great love, listened to me and promised to pray daily to Fr. Francisco Palau, asking for my health. Sister Alcira gave me a medal of Fr. Palau with a relic on the back and told me with great wisdom: "As much as possible, try not to ask yourself, 'Why me?', but rather, 'Why not me?'" ... I attached the medal to my abdomen with a ribbon and kept it there until the colon surgery. I prayed the rosary daily with my family and at the end, the prayer to Fr. Palau asking him to intercede for my healing.

After the colostomy, I moved Fr. Palau's medal to the area of the liver, where the metastasis was located. I had it attached there until a few minutes before I went to the operating room again.

I clarify that up until then I had not received any type of chemotherapy or medication to fight cancer. I had decided to start treatment after the surgery.

It so happened that in liver surgery, they did not find the metastasis. They found the organ completely healthy and free of cancer. The doctors, obviously surprised, carried out every possible check, and found no metastasis or anything similar. I am grateful for the valuable intercession of the saints, especially Fr. Francisco Palau. I am now in good health and free from cancer.

María Inés Dos Santo

REMEMBER...

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

16 05 24

CLOSING OF DIOCESAN
PROCESS OF ERESA MIRA
(1987)

14 06 24

COMPLETION OF POSITIO
OF TERESA MIRA, BY TERESA
PASEIRO (1990)

18 06 24

THE PROCESS BEGINS FOR
THE CANONIZATION OF
FRANCISCO PALAU (1953)

16 07 24

SOLEMNITY OF OUR
LADY OF MOUNT
CARMEL

20 07 24

FEAST OF
SAINT ELIJAH
THE PROPHET

15 08 24

SOLEMNITY OF THE
ASSUMPTION OF THE VIRGIN
MARY

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