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LET US READ AND LEARN MORE
ABOUT LOVE.



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Father Palau is in love with the Church, he lives at her service: because I love you, I seek in service a means of pleasing you (MR 9,7). In coherence with this love he seeks with passion to respond to the most urgent needs of the Church, above all those of its most vulnerable members. Thus in him is confirmed what Alejandro affirms in his article, "the path of holiness is service." Only those who live for others, and do so passionately, travel the road of total configuration with Christ and reach the fullness of Love, of complete union with Christ and humanity, of which sister Angela tells us.

But loving with passion entails pain and suffering because only those who give life, love fully. Sister Sabina relates how our Sister Teresa Mira, who took on suffering and accepted it with peace, with love, knew this well.

In Tarragona, where his remains rest, Palau's definitive encounter with the Church took place. Sister Segunda testifies to the many individuals and groups who come to pray and ask for his intercession in this place. Let us read and learn more about Love.

HOLINESS MEANS SERVICE WITHOUT MEASURE

After having looked at holiness from the viewpoints of encounter and mission, in this third article we close this pastoral theology reflection with a look at holiness as service. To begin, I draw your attention to these profound and confident words of Father Palau:

I have nothing decided upon. I am consulting with the Bride of the Lamb [Rev 21] about what I must do in her service. I did not think or believe that this woman was a living being, and how surprised I was to meet her! Her presence cast into deep shadow all created beauty and loveliness (Letter 72,6).

In our busy times, times of great technological advances, we may ask ourselves how we can seek holiness through service. This holy Carmelite friar opens his heart to us and shines a light upon the path: I have nothing decided upon. While for many this might smack of a lack of efficiency

and organization, it is not so. Rather it shows how he seeks his mission with great confidence, looking from the point of view of his Beloved. He goes on to invite us to consult with the "*Bride of the Lamb*," - his Beloved, the Church - about serving her. For a better understanding, in our day to day mission, *serving the Church means listening to and responding to her cries, especially in the vulnerable and dispossessed*, those

who are often invisible and in the background of our urban or rural landscapes. The key is understanding from the heart that service is the road to holiness: reading the signs of the times, not being afraid to get our hands dirty, giving of ourselves without counting the cost. It means serving and not seeking to be served (cf. Matt 20:28).

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not seeking
to be served

Mr. Alejandro Cuturrufó
Palautian Layman

PRAYER REQUESTING GRACES

Almighty and merciful
God and Father,
we thank and bless you
for instilling in the heart
of Blessed Francisco
Palau
a singular love for the
Church, the mystical
Body of Christ,
by revealing to him her
beauty as illustrated in
Mary,
and inspiring him to serve
her through prayer and
apostolic activity. Grant
us his prompt canoniza-
tion in the Church
and the special grace we
are asking through his in-
tercession. Through Jesus
Christ our Lord.
Amen

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In his persistent search for the fulfillment of love, a search carried out in faith, hope and love, Blessed Francisco Palau experienced dissatisfaction for many years. Nevertheless, he did not give up, love was not idle in him but moved him always forward and deeper in his search for his Beloved.

Although Father Palau tried to find fulfillment in his relationship with God, he remained unsatisfied, until the Church revealed herself to him. She came forth to meet him as his daughter, as his beloved spouse, and he experienced immense joy and satisfaction.

In his relationship with the Beloved Church, Palau relates from his humanity, his masculinity. He finds finally plenitude, joy, and the meaning of his mission, in his being and mission as spouse / husband to the Beloved Church as his spouse / wife.

Our holy mother Teresa teaches **us that to approach God we must do so through the gate of the most sacred humanity of Christ.** Father Palau, worthy son

THE JOY OF LOVE

*Come then, my Spouse, come my Beloved,
come. I believe in you and I love you.*
MR 9,41

of Saint Teresa, found that he had to approach this gate from his own humanity, resulting in a highly distinctive and original spirituality. From within himself, from the masculine structure of his person, his personality, he finds his place from within the Most Holy Trinity. With the Father he looks forth and sees the beloved Daughter, also his daughter, who needs to be taught, protected, rescued, accompanied,

But above all Palau found fulfillment in the marital relationship; together with Christ he is the spouse of the Church, here he finds companionship and love, he rejoices in her company, her friendship, her love, her beauty, and is willing to fiercely combat whatever threatens her. **The union of love is realized especially in the Holy Eucharist**, sacrament of communion between Christ the Head of the Church and his Body, the members.

Sr. Angela Moloney, CMT

PHRASES : Small physiognomies of his mind

in Writings, My Relations III,2.

Oh, what happiness is mine! I have now found you. I love you; you know it. The least I can offer you is my life, to correspond with your love. The passion of love which devours me finds its nourishment in you, for you are as beautiful as God, you are infinitely loveable. My heart was created to love you, here it is, it is yours, it loves you. I love you, and you are able to respond my love. I know that you love me with a pure, loyal, firm and constant love. I no longer belong to myself, but I am yours. Because I love you, dispose of my life, of my health, my rest, and of all that I am and have.

SISTER TERESA, TEACHER IN SUFFERING

The meaning of life, suffering, loss of health or a loved one, painful situations... these things touch all of us, they are part of our existence, and sooner or later we have to face them, which it is not always done in a healthy way. How can facing suffering be done well?

Our sister Teresa Mira teaches us. She took on her suffering from her earliest childhood to the painful illness of tuberculosis that led to her death. From the firm foundation of her relationship with God she accepted everything with peace, she embraced suffering with love, she even smiled ...

In her last letter written to her sister Magdalena she told her: «Let us remain together at the feet of Jesus and not be afraid. He will take care of us. Don't suffer for me, because the good Jesus does much to sweeten my illness, as he sees me as a very little child. My sister, be a little one and do not fear [...] As regards my health, I can tell you that I do not feel better: every day the

good Jesus gives another little blow. Blessed be God! I don't know when the end will come, then forever, forever. Even if I did not hope for what I hope for, I would still love Him just as I love Him...Your sister who does not forget you in the most sweet hearts of Jesus and Mary. (Teresa Mira Positio, page 321).

She knew well that our little sufferings are nothing more than a very small part of the cross of Christ and that we are free to choose whether to help Jesus like the Simon of Cyrene or not to help Him. If we collaborate we will be fully happy and even co-redeemers, otherwise we will be mere spectators.

Let us live the the words that she so often repeated: "Suffering, the more the better" (The Strength of a Testimony page 137).

*Sr. Sabina González Forner,
CMT.*



PRAYER REQUESTING GRACES

**O God, you take
delight in the simple
and the pure of
heart!**

**Glorify your servant
Teresa**

**whose ideal in life
was to love you
with unassuming
dedication,**

**and to give herself
for love of you to all
whom she met.**

**Give us the grace to
love you as she did,
without reserve,
and the favor we
now ask through her
intercession.**

**Through Christ Our
Lord.
Amen.**

WITNESS: She is always right with what she advises

for Ildelfonso of the Immaculate Virgin, The Strength of a Testimony page 265.

Dear sister: Here I always remember you... On All Saints' Day I had a little gift in which Jesus gave the warning that my end is approaching. When it will be I don't know, but I have a feeling that this is my last illness. Yes, don't worry, be calm, and don't suffer for me, for nothing will happen that God has not intended for me. Let us both remain together before the Tabernacle and be completely surrendered to the Lord, and may He do as He wishes of us.



THE CHAPEL OF FRANCISCO PALAU IN TARRAGONA

by Sister Segunda Rodríguez, CMT.

In the Monte Carmelo sanctuary in Tarragona, the church of the mother house of the Teresian Carmelites Missionaries, in its chapel, in the sarcophagus where his remains rest, the great apostolic missionary sleeps his sleep: Blessed Francisco Palau i Quer, our beloved founder. His chapel is a meeting place for visitors and pilgrims from different countries around the world.

While it would be impossible to describe all the visits made, here is a small sample of the many people who come to pray before his remains:

The Teresian Carmelite Missionaries junior sisters during the time of preparation for their final vows.

Carmelite fathers, diocesan priests, teachers and students, married couples knowledgeable about Palautian spirituality.

A postulant brother of the "IPLyCEA" Institute [Institute for the Liberation and Spiritual Growth of Souls], Campeche, Mexico. This institute has our blessed Francisco Palau as special patron and they invite us to live the month of Mary through his writings.

The meetings in the chapel give rise to formative moments about our charism:

During the visit of the parish of S. Pedro Apóstol from Paterna, Valencia, together with their parish priest Father Juan Antonio Cabanes, a great enthusiast of Father Palau, Sister Josefa Pastor gave the group a conference talk on the charisma. They had a celebration of the Word and continued their route to Montserrat.

During the visit of a parish from Sabadell, with 62 parishioners from different Latin American countries, Sister Josefa Pastor gave a talk about the Marian devotion of Francisco Palau.

Monthly, on the second Sunday of the month, a series of conferences on the School of Virtue is held in our Mount Carmel sanctuary. The lessons are presented by Mossén Borja.

Let us imitate Father Palau in his love and dedication to the Church: Let us make one of his mottos a reality. « I live and will live for the Church, I live and will die for her».

REMEMBER...

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

26 09 24

TERESA MIRA BORN IN
ALICANTE, SPAIN.
(1895)

28 09 24

TERESA MIRA BAPTIZED IN
ALGUEÑA, ALICANTE.
(1895)

12 10 24

TERESA MIRA BEGINS THE
NOVITIATE IN TARRAGONA
(1915)

13 10 24

BEATIFICATION OF THE
MARTYRED BROTHERS OF THE
TEACHING

07 11 24

FEAST OF BLESSED
FRANCISCO PALAU

29 12 24

BIRTH OF BLESSED
FRANCISCO PALAU

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