



## LET US SERVE THE LORD

## CALLED TO HOLINESS ...



M° Isabel Obregón, CMT  
America  
provincial  
Animator

*What a beautiful invitation that the evangelist Luke gives us.*

He invites us to live following Jesus 'style of life. However, we cannot do it alone.

As the Pope Francis puts it; "we are part of the Holy Faithful People of God." We encounter people who leave trace in the humanity and are source of inspiration for our life.

We invite you to come closer to these people, Blessed Francis Palau, Venerable Sr. Teresa Mira and the martyr Blessed Bonaventure Toldra Rodon. By their way of being God's friends and committing themselves for the neighbor, they can be our companions on this way.

Their lives, expressed in their writings, help us to be faithful to our call to be happy and beautify the Church.

In the life of every person, there is a constant: we are called to holiness, which is the encounter between our weakness and the power of God's grace.

The person who is faithful to God and lives according to his word attains true bliss through self-giving.

The Lord chose each one of us, that we might be holy and blameless before Him in love. Each saint has the mission of reflecting and embodying an aspect of the Gospel.

Our walk towards holiness resembles that of the chosen people in the desert, which is made up of continuous halts. Until Moses hears the voice of the Lord to pitch the tents and resume the journey: **"Arise, come out of here, you and your people, walk towards the promised land"** (Ex.33, 1).

That voice also comes to us through what St Paul tells us in the Letter

to the Thessalonians: God's will is your sanctification (4:3).

Entering into dialogue with ourselves, the questions arise: **Am I doing what I am expected to do in the world?** Am I hungry and thirsty for holiness, or am I resigning myself to mediocrity?

Love has only one rule: give everything, "if you listen to the voice of the Lord today, do not harden your hearts" (Heb.3:7-8).

Growing in holiness will consist of freely consenting to the Lord introducing us into the depths, always mysterious, of our personal encounter with Him, until we reach perfect face-to-face contemplation with God.

The pinnacle of the Christian life is feeling filled with the fullness of God. Great paradox: To be filled with the one who fills, embraces and overflows everything.

*Sr. María Teresa de Prado CMT.*

**Do I hunger and thirst for holiness or do I resign myself?**

## 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

## COLLABORATE WITH US

**Share your experience with us**

Share with us your experience  
You have three alternatives to communicate with us:

1. - You can write to us at E-Mail:

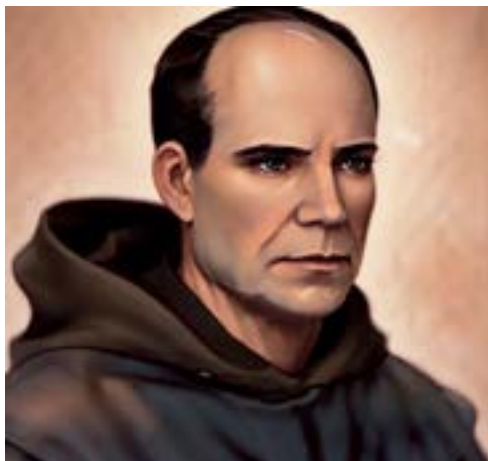
[causadelossantos@cmtpalau.org](mailto:causadelossantos@cmtpalau.org)

2.- Also by clicking on the following on-line form:

[bit.ly/cmtgracias](https://bit.ly/cmtgracias)

3.- Or you can download the form to send it by post to "Causa de los Santos CMT", Via Vincenzo Monti 31 B, 00152, Rome (Italy):

[Postal Form](#)



# Francisco Palau y Quer: a gift for the Church

*Hoping that you have begun your foray into reading the Palautian letters, I invite you to go one-step further.*

The letters as a whole, among other themes, inform us about the spiritual process of Francis and the Palautian charism, hence its importance. They illustrate his life from **34 to 60 years** of age approximately. They are addressed to diverse people and respond to a variety of circumstances.

On this occasion, we will stop at letters **37 to 42** where Francisco explains how charity works in us to bring us into communion with the Church through what he calls "The Operations of Charity".

These letters, rich in spirituality, are addressed to Juana Gracias and written the year 1857. In them, Francisco explains how love through two operations leads the person to union with the Church. Essential in this process of humanization is, as he points out, the search for God's will, abandonment into his hands, prayer, and spiritual

accompaniment, examination of conscience, silence and humility.

In the life of prayer, he invites us to turn our gaze to Jesus Crucified in his Mystical Body. The gaze does not stop only at the **CRUCIFIED**, it goes further, it invites us to contemplate the pain of humanity, that is, to contemplate all the crucified of the earth. Thus is the style of Palautian prayer that embraces the whole Mystery as subject and object, the mystery of God and the brother.

For those who do not have the edition of the Palautian Writings, the letters cited can be found on the website <https://cmtpalau.org/raices/padre-fundador/escritos/> where all the writings of Father Palau are available for download.

## PHRASES : Small physiognomies of his mind

in Writings, letters 37,1-2.

"Charity has two acts; it breaks into the soul in two operations: first, it unites the soul with God. Second, united with God, he dedicates it to the good of

his neighbors. First operation: this consists in your will being in all things, in actions, in thoughts and words, according to God's, so that you are not

the one who wants or does not want but God in you, God with you and God for you..."

# TERESA MIRA: And her little babies

Alcalá de Chivert (September 1918-September 1924) Sister Teresa began her mission as a nursery teacher in Alcalá de Chivert (Castellón-Spain). There the congregation had a college. The sister arrived very weak because she had just passed a double pneumonia. She was the youngest in the community and was considered the most suitable to take charge of the children's class. Teresa's heart jumped with joy because she carried this vocation in her soul.

The mothers began to arrive with their little ones, most did not know how to walk and Teresa carried them in her arms at times some and sometimes others. She placed them all under the protection of the Guardian Angel and the Infant Jesus of Prague. She always relied on the power of prayer.

The classroom was not very large, but it welcomed more than 60 little angels as Teresa called them. It overlooked

a small chapel that Teresa opened and began to pray and sing to the Child Jesus, to the Virgin Mary. Her little angels with their joined hands ... The sister's face was filled with joy. Here she was weaving her motto: do good to all.

Moms and children took a great affection for her. They noticed something special in her; the mantle of charity with which she covered everything, always accompanied by her usual smile.

She spent six years sowing in Alcalá testimony of prayer, faithful in service, and teaching with life... Then came time for transfer to another community. The station of Alcalá was an anthill of children, young people and adults.

The fame of holiness she left remains an attraction for many people who continue to turn to her intercession.

**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: Teresa is wrapped in the Holy Spirit

for GONZALEZ, María Angeles "Discovering Teresa", n° 441 (letter of Sr. Teresa to Adelia Esteller, Novelda 03.11.1940, AGCMT, Rome)

«My dear Adelia, Matilde and Sofia: I received your letter, I am very grateful for your prayers and I already know how much you all love me, so I do not

doubt that you will pray for me to the Lord, and also if I die, from Heaven I will pray a lot for you because you have always given us many proofs of affection

and if I did not reciprocate I would be ungrateful... »



## LET US NOT FORGET THE MARTYRS

for PASTOR MIRALLES, Josefa, Tertiary Carmelite Brothers, Ed. CMT, 1998, 203-204

On this occasion, we will dedicate this space to remember Blessed Bonaventure Toldrá Rodón beatified, by virtue of martyrdom, on October 13, 2013.

Born in Pla de Cabra, today Pla de Santa María (Tarragona). He was born on 31-03-1896, son of Antonio and Teresa, farmers. Baptized the same day with the names of Bonaventure, Andrew, Raymond. He entered the Institute of Carmelite Brothers of Teaching at the age of 19, in July 1915, from the pontifical seminary of Tarragona.

He made his temporary profession in Tarragona on 01-01-1917 and the following year he was sent to El Vendrell, where he remained for about three years. He returned to Tarragona and taught at the Tarraconense School. The preparation of Br. Bonaventure was good and he is described as “professor” while the other Brothers are classified as “teacher” or “assistant”.

In Tarragona, July 1936, he was surprised by the events of the Spanish Civil War. On the 21st, he took refuge with his confreres in his parents’ house in the C / Nuestra Señora Del Claustro, where his brother priest was too. Four days later, they were discovered. Brother Bonaventure, in bidding farewell to her mother, who in anguish contemplated the arrest of the Carmelites, told her: “All this, mother, is religious persecution; let all be for Our Lord. If we don’t see each other here anymore, it will be in Heaven.” Young Toldrá sensed that it was the definitive separation from his mother here on earth. After the imprisonment of 4 months on the prison ship “Río Segre”, he would end up shot on the wall of the cemetery of Torredembarra with his Brothers and a group of priests, religious and laity of Tarragona.

## REMEMBER...

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

12 05 23

THE TRANSFER OF THE REMAINS OF SR. MIRA IN NOVELDA (1982)

13 05 23

THE OPENING OF THE CAUSE OF CANONISATION OF TERESA MIRA (1982)

16 07 23

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LADY OF CARMEN

20 07 23

FEAST OF SAINT ELIJAH PROPHET

09 08 23

FEAST STA. TERESA BENEDICTA DE LA CROIX

15 08 23

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY

# Hoja Palautiana

TERESIAN CARMELITE MISSIONARIES

[www.cmtpalau.org](http://www.cmtpalau.org)

[cmtpalau](#) | [cmtpalau](#)

HOJA PALAUTIANA IS ISSUED EVERY FOUR MONTHS.

NEXT ISSUE: AUGUST 2023

CARMELITE TERESIAN MISSIONARY NUNS (C) ALL RIGHTS RESERVED.

\*The reproduction and commercialisation of this bulletin for any use whatsoever is forbidden.

