

Claret and Antonia París committed to giving birth to a “New Order”

BEING IN SANTIAGO... THE INTRICATE WAYS TO THE FOUNDATION...

Archbishop Claret continued his pastoral mission, without forgetting the various aspects that needed to be worked on for the foundation, such as the Rules and Constitutions. While in Nuevitas, on 23rd July, although it is a letter without a year, from the context it can be deduced that it is from 1853, he writes to Mother Antonia telling her that, “I gave the Rules and Constitutions to the Lord Provisor and not the manuscripts, so that he can make a file on them as I had told you; the rest will be arranged spiritually, as you will remember that I told you”.

Therefore, Claret asked for a copy of the Constitutions of the Company of Mary to be sent to him; and once received, he incorporated them into the dossier to process the royal permission for the foundation, but Antonia warned him; “When I saw that everything was on the way to the foundation of the Company of Mary, I decided to write to him privately since the Archbishop was already here for the visit, making him understand in a few words that we would not belong to the Company of Mary and that I was informing him just for his discernment. The procurator did not pay attention to this notice... negotiated the petition we had planned, and not knowing my interior feelings... and God had already told me that in due time, He would defend His cause ” (París Aut 178).