

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

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

Finally, on November 24, 1854, Claret asked Pope Pius IX for the foundation, with very expressive words and reasoning that were born of the experience of the sisters, already almost three years of educational work, of the coexistence and exchange of visions and real possibilities between Claret and París: "the aforementioned novices, animated by their great desire to always seek the most perfect and to execute it for the greater glory of God and the usefulness of their neighbours, did not hesitate to leave their homeland and consecrate themselves to Almighty God with even greater perfection than in their own monastery. Fired also with charity for their neighbour, they wished to devote themselves to the education of the girls of this region, who were in need of such an admirable Institute. After a humble and devoted consultation with their confessors, having asked for divine help and having maturely examined and meditated the business... Since no religious house for men or women could be opened in the Spanish dominions without the king's authorisation and permission, I presented to His Majesty a statement, corroborated by the testimony of my metropolitan council, of the parish priests and councillors, in which the necessity, convenience and utility of erecting the aforementioned monastery was established... the supreme government of the king, acceding to my supplication, approved everything, according to the Royal Decree, given in Madrid on the 30th of April of the current year... for this reason I humbly come to Your Beatitude in supplication that you deign to grant me the faculty to admit some of the said virgins to profession, once their novitiate has been approved by Your Holiness... The new religious house will have the same name as in Tarragona and will fulfil substantially the same rule of St. Benedict... I judged it necessary to try, as I did... some modifications adapted to the circumstances... I hope, not without foundation, that Your Holiness will deign to put the seal of approval on my dispositions..."

The Pope gave permission on April 27, 1855 and it was known in Santiago on July 16, of the same year.