

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

THE DAY OF THE LONG-AWAITED FOUNDATION HAS FINALLY ARRIVED...

D. Antonio María Claret y Clará, by the grace of God and the Holy Apostolic See, Archbishop of Cuba.... Our Most Holy Father, in Our Lord Pio, by the Divine Providence Papa Nono, according to the rescript... deigned to attend to our reverent supplication... that he would allow us to erect in this City a Monastery of Teaching, ... House or Order of Our Lady Mother of God and Ever Virgin Mary... admitting, of course, the Sisters to religious profession... And We, ... making use of the Apostolic faculties granted to Us by said rescript, ... we admit them to religious profession... which we will receive from our beloved daughter María Antonia de San Pedro, the 27th of August, and from her sisters and beloved daughters of ours, we will receive them on September 3rd; and having verified the Profession, WE DECLARE THEM RELIGIOUS OF THE APOSTOLIC INSTITUTE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED MOTHER OF GOD AND OUR LADY.

And lastly we order that, once the Profession has been made, they proceed ritually to the election of the Prelate... and once elected and confirmed by Us, she will proceed by herself to the election of the other offices, according to the Rules of the Institute... and two books must be opened in the Monastery: the Book of Foundation, where our Request to His Holiness, the Sacred Rescript, this Act of Erection and the Constitutions, when they are approved, will be inserted; and the second of Professions when they are verified... Given in our Archbishop's Palace in Santiago de Cuba, on the twenty-fifth day of August, in the year of Our Lord 1855. Antonio María Archbishop of Cuba.

