

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

PROFESSION OF MOTHER ANTONIA PARÍS DE SAN PEDRO

Finally, on August 27, 1855, María Antonia made her profession into the hands of the Archbishop, and on this occasion, she had a profound ecclesial experience: " when His Excellency put the crown I felt a weight so extraordinary on my head that it make bend... As I wondered about the great weight Our Lord told me "This is my daughter, the burden that you carry of the Reformation of my Church"; and His Divine Majesty called me three times "my spouse" with great love⁵² making me understand that the Eternal Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit loved me much " (París, Report to Caixal 9).

As a memory of these professions, the Founder gave the community a beautiful carved crucifix, which was placed in the choir. The Father was also already buying the house and land where the first convent and mother house of the new Order was definitively established.

A few days after the profession, Fr Claret asked María Antonia to put in order the Constitutions she had written in 1848, in order to send them to Rome for approval.

At the same time, Mother Foundress had very strong spiritual experiences which her spiritual director in Cuba, D. Palladio Currius, obediently ordered her to put down in writing. These are the so-called "Points for the Reform of the Church", in which the Lord makes her understand the need for conversion of the Church. The Mother makes it clear that the lack of poverty lived radically by the hierarchy and consecrated people is one of the main reasons why the people are not evangelised and why, without knowing the Word of God, they do not live their Christian commitments. Once this report was finished, she handed it to the Archbishop.

