

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

In her Autobiography several times she expresses that it was God who wanted Claret as a collaborator for this work. From this awareness that Claret's help was God's will, emerges in Maria Antonia a very deep sense of constant consultation and obedience to him. "This is, my daughter, that apostolic man with so much tears you have asked me for a long time" (Paris Aut 19 31). "This Father is the first, and I want him to fix the first houses of this new Order" (Paris Aut 32) "Father Claret will give you his hand to put up the first houses of the Order" (Paris Aut 36). "Afterwards, Our Lord made me known and told me many times that I would suffer a lot of resistance in putting his shoulder to work; for His Divine Majesty not manifesting him His will..." (Paría Aut 39).

In 1848, Canon José Caixal, Antonia's confessor, asked her to write what the Lord had inspired her regarding the foundation of the Order. "While I wrote these notes... there were many times that God Our Lord kept me company at night while I was keeping vigil, kneeling, praying and writing" (Paris Aut 20). After reading and reflecting on the writing, Caixal asked his friend Mosen Claret to visit María Antonia at her convent in Tarragona, but Claret tried to avoid by telling him, in a letter dated September 5, 1849, that he had already committed to another institute, which, in his opinion, "does the same thing that the manuscript you gave me to read says ..."

