

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

Caixal consulted with Claret, but the Archbishop, about to embark for Cuba, told him that he would see how this new world was and if there was a good provision for the foundation. “The confidence I had in him was so great that I heard God’s voice in his. But Our Lord did not want to give me this consolation, rather he wanted me to drink the chalice to the last drop ”(Paris Aut 97). Claret embarked for Cuba on December 28 without any decision or commitment on the matter. "Our Lord God who never wanted me to put my heart in men, but in His Divine Providence, allowed not to respond me and to leave Spain leaving me in a sea of confusion" (Paris Aut 98)

In the midst of insecurity, she left the Company of Mary as suggested by Caixal and Fr Gatell on January 28, 1851, together with Florentina Sangler to whom the Lord had manifested the same vocation (Paris Aut. 101, 108).

Antonia and Florentina did not return to their family home, the cathedral parish priest Don Pablo Bufarul, welcomed them into his home and they remained in Tarragona, living as nuns.

"After leaving the convent, the confessor told me to write to the Most Rev. lord Claret and tell him ... that I was now free to do when His Excellency saw fit for the greater glory of God." (Paris Aut 117). "While we were waiting for the reply to this letter, some young women came forward with the intention of following me wherever I went" (Paris Aut 118).

