

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

CROSSING THE SEAS...

When Claret studied the Laws of the Indies, he understood the difficulties to found a New Order and, as he had written to Don José Caixal, in a letter dated July 6, 1851: “Now I tell you that I have read the Laws of the Indies and due to the Royal Patronage that the King of Spain has, without his permission no foundation can be made in this Island, this may have its difficulties. But if they want to come, I think that they will be able to establish themselves as two individuals, start with ironing, embroidering and teaching girls in a rented house and seeing their progress we can apply to the government”.

The geographical distance made it very difficult to know what was happening in the Peninsula with the travel affairs to Cuba. The paperwork and the news took a long time to reach and Claret began to worry, so on December 29, 1851, he wrote to Caixal saying: “For a long time I have neither heard from you nor the Sisters who want to come; Perhaps knowing that some of St. Vincent de Paul sisters who came with us, three died and another three had to return due to illness, would have scared them. What will be done? Blessed be God, this weather is terrible. You would have known that a priest and a clerk of mine died, currently I have two sick priests, one of vomiting and the other from tertian’s”.

Due to the delay, lack of news, and urged by the need to continue the pastoral visit, Claret left for Bayamo, but, just in case he left everything organized beforehand. “Last night I said it to the Parish priest of the Holy Trinity, Santiago de Cuba (Don Manuel Miura), a person of good and of my trust that I have made him Vicar of the Holy Visit... so that he may be there to receive them and place them in a house, because I will not go there until Holy Week ... he is very zealous and virtuous person and is happy of their arrival, because he is a member in the board of instruction ...” (Letter to Caixal. Puerto Principe, August 18, 1851). They were settled in a house at alley of Carmen.