

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

BEING IN SANTIAGO... THE INTRICATE WAYS TO THE FOUNDATION...

Antonia París wanted to found a new Order in which the contemplative life and teaching girls would be combined with other forms of apostolate. According to the state laws, the Royal Board and the Concordat, the Provisor thought that there was no other possibility than founding a monastery affiliated to an ancient Order already existing in Spain, and as Antonia and Florentina came from the Company of Mary. He saw this as a very good solution when obtaining government approval.

When María Antonia París felt the call to found a “new Order”, she did not fear the tough path she was going to go through; nor did Mosen Claret, when he told her “not to worry but leave it in his hands ...”

Especially Claret, with his apostolic eagerness and tireless missionary spirit, lived all the innumerable civil and ecclesiastical procedures that he had to carry out as a burden, and the countless correspondence with the civil authorities such as the Captain General, Governor of the Province, Minister of Grace and Justice, the Queen Her Majesty; and ecclesiastical such as, Council, Commissioners, to study the situation and support the foundation... The frequent correspondence with Caixal informing him and making him understand the duration of procedures needed to take; with Currius all about school work and its implication of expenses...

