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The Documented Life of Mother Dolores (cont´d)

We cannot comprehend the life of Mother Dolores without Father Tejero, so while continuing to go on with her life's story, we will now go to several sections which will introduce us to the personality and biography of Francisco García Tejero, founder, together with Mother Dolores, of the Congregation of the Philippian Religious Daughters of the Sorrowful Mary.

When it was time for the first general chapter to hold elections in this Congregation of Seville, Father Navascués was named Superior and was given the following assignments: First: To consecrate the Institution, the House and the Family to the Most Holy Mother under the advocacy of Dolores (Sorrows). Second: It was deemed necessary and of peremptory norm that mass and the Salve Regina (Hail Holy Queen) would be sung every Saturday as a compliment in gratitude for the great benefits received by having the very Mother of Jesus, the coredeemer of the human race, to be the glorious Patron Saint and Mother. And third: it was established as obligatory, a practice which has never been interrupted, to manifest His Divine Majesty in the Most Holy Sacrament of His love every Sunday and feast day in the afternoon .

The papal bull of approval of the new foundation was signed by Pope Innocent XII, on November 19th, 1699, in the eighth year of his papacy.

This congregation located in the neighbourhood of San Pedro (St Peter) was abundantly blessed by Divine Providence. And the tiny impoverished church begun by Father Navascués had become by 1852 the one that had the greatest interest and attendance of people in the city, despite the lootings and secularizations that it suffered. The Oratory of St Philip of Neri was a spacious four-sided building with façades overlooking the streets called San Felipe, Doña María Coronel, Gerona and part of Feijoo Street. The building consisted of the House of the Congregation, with its main façade giving onto Gerona Street number 20, with a tiled drawing of the founding father embellishing the front; also the Royal House of Exercises, with a capacity for one hundred and fifty participants in the exercises; and the rather small church, of just one long nave, with its front façade on San Felipe Street, and which was richly adorned with paintings and liturgical objects inside.



In those years the Superior of the Oratory was Father Antonio Sánchez Cid, who did a great favour to the Oratory because he used his own funds to repair the serious damage done to the church by the bombings that the city of Seville had suffered in the year 1843.

In July of 1852, this Superior was presented by Queen Isabel II to be bishop of the town of Coria, in Extremadura – this announcement was received by the fathers of the Congregation with exterior signs of joy, due to the honour for the community of such a distinction. But internally they were suffering bitter pangs of pain, because Antonio Sánchez Cid had broken the norm that was sacred law in the Oratory: that of not accepting any episcopal honour without an expressed decisive mandate from the pope. Just like their founding saint, St Philip of Neri, who did not accept any cardinal purple at all. But faced with the ‘fait accompli’ they had no choice but to resign themselves. Antonio Sánchez Cid had accepted the tempting proposition that the queen had offered him and he left to be bishop in Coria. Father Tejero had been a novitiate for barely a month when this occurred.

Upon Father Sánchez’s departure from the diocese, José María Crespo de Iñigo was named Father Superior. This father was characterized, within his level of learning and knowledge, by his extreme innocence, his simple and childlike wit and ease of expression.

5. Apostolic Activities of Father Tejero

“...after fulfilling the obligations of his Institution, which are to celebrate mass, preach and confess in the church of the Oratory, he went to the schools, where he freely explained the catechism of the Christian Doctrine, because, as he so often said himself:

“In the schools the Doctrine is learnt, but if it is not explained, it is not understood.”

The prophetic word “*Seville will be your (West) Indies*”, that his spiritual director gave him during his years as a seminarian, was about to be fulfilled. José María de la Carrera died a righteous death on July 19th, 1851, a short while after Father Tejero had joined the Congregation.

A political change was about to occur, in which, as in all human sequence of events, the hand of God was involved, since it was about to launch Father Tejero onto the path that Divine Providence had destined for him.

For some time already in Spain an air of revolution had been brewing. The queen did not seem to notice it very much. On June 28th, 1854, the revolution broke out. General O’Donnell came out of hiding to place himself at the head of the revolution, followed by other generals: Dulce, Ros de Olano, and Echagüe. A battle was started with troops loyal to the queen at the bridge of Vicálvaro. They fought day and night; however the battle was a draw. The governmental troops retreated to Madrid, and O’Donnell took the road to Andalusia without daring to enter into the Court. In Manzanares he launched a programme, drawn up by a young journalist by name of Antonio Cánovas del Castillo. It said: “We want the conservation of the throne, but not with the clique that dishonours it”.

That which O’Donnell had been unable to achieve, the people succeeded in doing. The people of Madrid poured into the streets, broke into the jails, set the prisoners free, and set up barricades.

The insurrectionary movement spread throughout the entire country. The queen, finding herself fenced in, summoned the leader of the progressives, General Espartero. He arrived in Madrid on July 28th. Taking control of the situation, he calmed down spirits, saved the crown, and began what was to be called “The Progressive Biennium (two-year period) “.

The Oratory of San Felipe was to suffer the consequences. After participating in the Manifesto of Manzanares, O'Donnell headed to Seville. The Church was in line to suffer once again. In the city of the Giralda, the Oratory was the main course. On 4th August 1854 the revolutionary committee intervened and took inventory of all the furniture and belongings of the church and the house and ordered the fathers who were living there to evacuate the premises within the following 24 hours. The Superior at that time was José María Crespo y Iñigo, a kind-hearted old man, not up for those types of things any more.

The Oratory suffered the consequences of the Revolution. It was invaded and became the headquarters for the Urban Militia. The Philippian Fathers were forced to abandon the Oratory and each had to find his own way, as best as God led him. Father Alonso María Elena took refuge in Gibraltar with the intention of starting an oratory there. For Father Tejero, the most precious adventure of his priestly and apostolic life began then in the parish of San Roque (Saint Roch). It was there that he was given the affectionate nickname of *“the priest of the corrals”*.

“Doctor Hauser narrates that in the 19th Century, about a third of the population of Seville lived in neighbourhood “corrals”. Approximately 40,000 people. Do not assume that he intended to become the popular missionary of such an impressive number of people. No, his intentions were limited for the moment to the parish of San Roque and its surroundings. What were the neighbourhood corrals like? Don Luis Montoto has left us very beautiful pages of the customs and manners of the patios of Sevillian corrals. “The fountain in the patio’s centre, surrounded by flowerpots of basil and geraniums...in the upper corridors and strung out on cords, the clothes were hung to dry, the torn shirts, the bottomless underpants, the yellowing baby blankets; the red tiles...the portable cookers, soup pots on trivets, carpenters’ benches, bricks used for washing, dilapidated chairs...everything that Manuel Cabral Bejarano

has painted so often, without forgetting the dogs and cats, the birdcages, the shoeracks, etc, etc,”

(to be continued)

THANKS GIVEN AND PRAYER REQUESTS

Once more we would like to invite all the devotees of Mother Dolores to send us a simple narration of the favours received, in order to encourage more people to entrust their causes to our founding Mother, and by so doing we can get the devotion and confidence in her intercession to grow and be extended everywhere, as well as encouraging whomever is going through difficult moments in their lives or those of their loved ones.

Thanks to one and all.

- Good afternoon: I give thanks to Mother Dolores for a favour granted due to her intercession. A niece and nephew of mine were going through a crisis in their marriage, and were set upon separating, when I received the newsletter of Mother Dolores and entrusted them to her, with a lot of anguish on my part. They have reconciled, thanks be to God, and I want to make it public and thank Mother Dolores for what I consider to be a favour. And I also ask that they continue forward always with love. (Málaga)
- This is Margarita. In the first place, thank you for the medallions (with the relic of Mother Dolores). I have a lot of faith in her. One day I had a very strong pain in the right side of my tummy and I put the medallion on and it stopped hurting. I am always talking about how miraculous Mother Dolores is, and I give out your newsletter. Please keep on praying for my daughter Lorena and granddaughter Sasa,

both affected by the Steinert disease, that they should improve; and for my sons, one of them does not have it and we are waiting for the other one to be tested. And now, on the 15th a nephew will also have the results of a biopsy done on him. Please, pray for them. Thank you for everything. (MARGARITA RAMÍREZ GÓNGORA; Torrejón de Ardoz - Madrid)

- I am sending a donation for Mother Dolores for the favours granted and I continue to request that you should always accompany us. I ask for Mother Dolores' prayer for my daughter, for my husband and for myself. Hugs. (TRINIDAD HUERTA MORENO - Ciruelos - Toledo)
- Once again I am thanking Mother Dolores, because whenever I see myself in any problem I think of her and say: 'Mother Dolores, may everything work out right' and she is always there helping me with her intercession and granting me whatever I ask of her. Many, many thanks. I am remitting a donation for the cause. (A DEVOTEE FROM CÓRDOBA)
- My sisters and I give thanks for a favour granted us by Mother Dolores, I have been very devoted to her for many years. Thank you! (RAFALI and sisters - Seville)
- I give thanks to Mother Dolores and request that she keep on helping us. (ANONYMOUS - Seville)
- For the favours she has granted, I am giving thanks to Mother Dolores. (CRISTO DÍAZ - Seville)
- We continue to pray every day to Mother Dolores. Thanks to her intercession, my sister who was very, very ill, has now totally recovered. Thank you for continuing to send us your newsletter. We shall keep on praying. Thank you. (FRANCISCO ROMERO - Torrelles del Llobregat - Barcelona)
- I give thanks to Mother Dolores for her intercession to God Our Lord, and I am sending a donation for the favours received. I pray for my loved ones and for all who need prayer, and for the peace of the world. Thank you. (TERESA SAUCO CHANIVET - Puerto Real - Cádiz)
- I am a devotee of Mother Dolores, All I have is the novena that came on a card of hers that was given to me.

THANKS GIVEN AND DONATIONS SENT

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MOTHER DOLORES MARQUEZ Y ROMERO DE ONORO

Foundress of the Congregation of the
 Phillippian Daughters of the Sorrowful Mary

PRAYER



Our Lord Almighty God,
 You that granted
 to Mother Dolores, your servant,
 the grace of carrying out
 the foundation of an institute
 in your church.

Please manifest her intercession before You
 allowing us the grace that we humbly ask from You.
 Especially that, imitating her,
 we may seek forever the glory of God
 and the salvation of souls.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory.

For private use.

THE FIRST DAY OF EVERY MONTH WE
 WILL HAVE A MEMORIAL IN HONOUR
 OF THE SERVANT OF GOD MOTHER
 DOLORES.

At the Saint Elizabeth Convent.
 2 Hiniesta Street, Seville - Spain

At seven p.m. there will be a
 Eucharistic celebration, followed by
 prayers at her sepulchre.

Kindly inform of the favours obtained by
 her intercession to "Secretariate of Mother
 Dolores". In Spain: Central Home calle
 Hiniesta, 2 - 41003 SEVILLE.

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 KINDLY GIVE IT TO SOMEONE WHO
 IS SICK OR WORRIED, THEY WILL BE
 GRATEFUL FOR YOUR HELP.**