

Friends or colleagues would often come to the Ortiz de Landázuri home for lunch or dinner. And everyone was there: the guests and the rest of the family. The children were amused by the situation, while at the same time learning many things. This latter because people would arrive from abroad: the parents of a student, a sick person with his family, someone who might later help at the University of Navarre (where Eduardo was a professor of medicine), professors from other universities, and so on.

It was a home always open to many people: for instance, Ana, widow of Professor Luka Brajnovic, Croatian exiles in Pamplona during the communist era in their country. Ana recalls, “Sometimes the two couples would meet at a university event and we became good friends. Although we didn’t see much of each other, I noticed that they had us in their thoughts. It was regular for them to comment on any news from our country that might affect us, or when one of Luka’s books was published they would phone us immediately or write a letter. “I was quite impressed by this, considering all the work Laura would have with a large family – there were seven children – and the work that I know her husband Eduardo also had at the university hospital.”

A HOME, OPEN AND WELCOMING

NEWS OF THE CAUSE

The *Positio* of the Servant of God Eduardo has been handed over to the Dicastery for the Causes of Saints, and the *Positio* of the Servant of God Laura is in the process of being drawn up.



ORTIZ DE LANDÁZURI COUPLE: LAURA AND EDUARDO

Their encounters were due to Laura’s gifts as an entertaining conversationalist and reader, as well as a good cook. One of her daughters remarks about their mother: “Many people who came to our house and had dealings with her were impressed by the peace in her eyes and in the way she spoke. If we take into account that her life was not easy and that she was in poor health, we realise that this peace came from the fact that she prayed a lot. In fact, she had a great trust in God and overcame difficulties in recourse to prayer.”

A friend of the family, who knew them in Pamplona, made this observation:

“Entering the home of Dr. Eduardo and Laura was like entering an oasis of peace, where the problems from ‘outside’ faded away and lost their importance.” This welcoming attitude was intensified with relatives who came to Pamplona for health reasons, as was the case with Laura’s niece, Socorro. After recounting at length her experience in that home, in very difficult times, she recalls, “I remember that with many other relatives close to us, who went to the hospital with different illnesses, the same affection was repeated with them as with us by Laura when she cared for them in her home. She always looked after everyone with great joy and was so friendly with everyone.”

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A criminal complaint

A few months ago I went for a medical consultation. When I told the doctor about a personal problem, he asked me if I was a believer and, when I answered affirmatively, he gave me a leaflet with the prayer to Eduardo, suggesting I ask his help. It is a financial problem arising from some of my husband's companies, for which he was being sued in criminal proceedings. Today the decision to dismiss the case has arrived, so my requests have been heard and answered. I continue to rely on Eduardo's help and I ask that the other situations arising from the financial problem continue to be resolved.

BV (Spain)



FAVOURS

PRAYER

O God, merciful Father, you granted your Servants Laurita and Eduardo an abundant grace to practise the Christian virtues in carrying out their family and professional duties. Grant that like them I too may learn to become an instrument of peace and joy in the world. Deign to glorify your Servants and, through their intercession, grant me the favour I ask of you... (*here make your petition*). Amen.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father.

In conformity with the decrees of Pope Urban VIII, we declare that there is no intention of anticipating in any way the judgement of the Church, and that this prayer is not intended for public use.

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A good mark and a good place

My wife and I were worried about the examination our daughter, a recent medical graduate, was preparing for to become a resident doctor.

This requirement is essential for her to be able to practise in the national health system. She was at a triple disadvantage. Firstly, the other faculties had spent the final year of the degree preparing for this exam and hers had not. Furthermore, she had to dedicate herself intensively to subjects of little relevance to this exam so as to maintain the grade required by the scholarship with which she was studying. And, to top it all off, she was in a complicated personal situation.

After six months of exclusive dedication, she managed only to pass one of the mock exams offered weekly by the academy. Even a pass did not guarantee a place. Objectively, her chances were very slim.

At the suggestion of her sister, a resident doctor, we decided to entrust her to Eduardo and Laura. To everyone's amazement, she remained calm and confident at all times, finished the exam early and not only passed, but achieved a mark well above average. Not only that, but much better than all her previous results. Thus she was assured of a place.

Now it was a question of getting the speciality she wanted – respiratory medicine – and in a hospital near our city. We kept on praying and she managed to get one of three places available nearby, just over half an hour from home. In the meantime she received news that calmed her personal situation. Our thanks to the Ortiz de Landázuri couple; our amazement at their efficacy is enormous. We will continue to entrust them with the multiple needs of a large family.

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