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Encarnita lived in Rome from 27 December 1946 until October 1961.

In December 1946, on arrival at Rome's airport, Encarnita and four other women of Opus Dei were met by St Josemaria and Blessed Alvaro. They passed by the Colosseum and recited a Creed. St Josemaria told them that the first martyrs had given their lives there. He said that God asked some people for their lives all at once, and others (ordinary faithful), on the other hand, day by day. At that moment Encarnita made an enthusiastic gesture, implying that, of course, she was ready to give her life. She was very lively and generous. The next morning they went to St. Peter's Basilica to pray for Pius XII. Throughout the fifteen years that Encarnita lived in Rome she repeated this visit to St. Peter's with people from different countries who came to the Eternal City.

Encarnita was living in Rome during the Jubilee Year of 1950, inaugurated by Pius XII. He had opened the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica on 25 December 1949. Encarnita accompanied several people to St. Peter's, one of whom was Nisa González Guzmán, who in March was passing through Rome on



her way to the United States to begin the work of Opus Dei. On arriving at the Basilica they met St Josemaria and Nisa recalled that, kneeling beside our Father, "we recited the Creed. I will never forget the force with which he repeated three times: I believe in my holy Mother, the apostolic, Roman Catholic Church. We then prayed an *Our Father* for the apostolic work in America."

Olga Marlin and seven other women of different nationalities went from Rome to Nairobi to begin the apostolic work of the Work with women there. And she remembers one detail: "On the night of 12 June 1960, Encarnita accompanied those of us who were going to Kenya to the airport. She said to Mary Ribero, who was driving the car, 'Pass in front of St. Peter's so that they can see it for the last time', a detail that we appreciated very much."

It wasn't cancerous

I went to a dermatologist for an eczema which appeared on my face and wouldn't go away over time. The doctor burned it with nitrogen, but it didn't disappear, so I went back to the derma-tologist, who he sent me for surgery, calling it 'a recurrence of basal cell carcinoma'. The doctor who removed it told me that she would have it analysed, as she had the impression that what she had removed was cancerous. Faced with her comment, I prayed to Encarnita with the intention of writing up the favour on the web when I got the result of the dermatological test, with the certainty that she would listen to me and help me. The result of the anatomical pathology report says that no malignant cellularity has been identified in either of the two samples submitted. I thank God through Encarnita, and continue to pray for another family intention.

AMD (Spain)



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Favours

A mother's tribulations

Encarnita, thank you for hearing my prayer and allowing the Holy Spirit to intercede at a difficult time for me as a mother of an alcoholic son. Thank you God, the Virgin Mary and the Holy Spirit.

Initials in this favour are omitted out of respect for privacy.

Prayer

Lord, you showed your daughter Encarnita how attractive it is to seek holiness in the middle of the world and gave her the grace to follow faithfully that quest in Opus Dei. Grant that, like her, I may discover your Love afresh every day and communicate it to those around me. Deign to glorify your daughter Encarnita and, through her 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 decree 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.

Those who obtain favours through the intercession of Encarnita Ortega are asked to notify the Prelature of Opus Dei, 4 Orme Court, London W2 4RL; e-mail: | ocs.uk@opusdei.org | www.encarnitaortega.org