

Servant of God  
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## Greatness of spirit

Jesus Christ is perfect God and perfect man, and he has established that his grace divinises us on a well-disposed human foundation. In Paquita and Tomás, the greatness of spirit shone through clearly. Manifestations of this magnanimity included high aspirations and an appreciation for the value of little things, *'which can only be seen through eyes dilated by love'* (Blessed Alvaro del Portillo, Letter, 30 September 1975). True love is elegant and rejects what is vulgar and coarse. Tomás and Paquita did not dissociate ethics from aesthetics. For example, they lived with propriety in dress and speech, a consequence of their human and Christian dignity and of the respect that others deserve.

Isabel Bueno, who worked for many years in their home, wrote: 'In that house, there was a lot of affection, a lot of love; there, they made me appreciate the importance of little things. Both the children and I were nourished in this spirit of little things. Later, I instilled it in my own children, and I try to express it in concrete details: a well-prepared meal, a timely phone call...'



Paquita y Tomás with two of their children in 1989

A couple from Paraguay who had the opportunity to meet them occasionally in Madrid testify: 'The detail, the conversation, the human tone of that couple made us leave delighted when we were invited to their home; our comment was that they had something special.'

Pilar, daughter of the Alvira couple, recalls: "On one occasion, during the summer season, I went to Mass with my father. In the church, there were quite a few people dressed too casually, with unkempt clothing and in a way that they probably would not have considered appropriate for participating in a social event of a certain level. My father then looked at me with a sad face and said in a very low voice: 'We lack faith!' Those words revealed his love for God, which he sought to live out with refinement in the details."

# Favours

## The competitive examination

My husband and I have been fans of Paquita and Tomás for several years and we pray to them regularly. I am a tutor for primary school teachers preparing for competitive examinations and I have tutored a certain friend for several years. It has been a difficult for her as she has two young children and they have had to move cities several times... She has had health problems, which have made the situation even more complicated. Despite this, she has continued to study as much as she can. A month before the competitive examination, we decided to entrust it to Paquita and Tomás, using their prayer card daily. On the day of the first part of the exam, my friend's favourite topic came up, and she got an A. The second part also went very well, and she almost got a 10. She got the job and was assigned to a school in her village, the very school she attended as a child.

BIA (Spain)



## Three out of three

Some time ago, I asked the Alvira couple to pray for a friend's daughter to get pregnant. And so it came about. Then I asked the same favour for another friend, and again it happened. The last time, I told some parents that I would pray for their daughter. Quite some time passed, and I continued to pray that they would have a child. One day, I asked my daughter-in-law, 'How is that family doing?' She told me that their daughter had recently given birth. In total, three requests, three pregnancies.

MMS (El Salvador)

## One out of one

Through her intercession, I became a mother.

PRC (Spain)



## News of the Cause

The Cause of the Alvira couple is in its Roman phase.

## Prayer

God our Father, who filled your servants Paquita and Tomás with graces so that they could bring a truly Christian spirit to their married life and the fulfilment of their professional and social obligations, send us your powerful Love so that we may spread to those around us the message of the greatness of fidelity and holiness in marriage. Deign to glorify your servants Paquita and Tomás and, through their intercession, grant me the favour that I ask of you... (*here make your petition*). Amen.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be...

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.

Those who obtain favours through the intercession of the Alviras are asked to notify the Office for the Causes of Saints, Opus Dei Prelature in Britain:

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