

DORA DELHOYO

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ALWAYS AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE

Dora del Hoyo (1914-2004) died the day before her 90th birthday. But she was not an old woman. It is true that the calendar doesn't lie, but it is also true that the attitude of the Servant of God made the limitations of age disappear. She made herself available to everyone, especially to younger people. She did not take refuge in the comfort of her experience, but was young, both inside and out.

Dora exemplified what Pope Francis says: "Young people, as prophets of the future, treasure their own history. The elderly, continue to dream and share their experience with the young, without standing in their way. Young and old, the treasure of tradition and the freshness of the Spirit."



Iday Muñoz was 25 years old when she met Dora, who was 84 at the time. They worked together in the professional care of an Opus Dei formation centre in Rome: "Dora felt part of the team. She had her own responsibilities and was attentive to the responsibilities of others." Olguita Chacach, who met Dora a couple of years later, made similar comments: "She impressed me; she had a great capacity to know everything that was going on. If a machine broke down, she was the first to realise it and always supported us with a positive comment."

"I think Dora adapted very well to living with young people because she enjoyed everything," says Angeles Conesa. There was an age difference of 35 years between them, but that did not separate them. According to her testimony, Dora loved parties, comic characters, football (to the point that she had to stop watching it after a heart attack, to avoid worse developments), films and music.

Angeles has "no doubt" about Dora's holiness, of which she is "absolutely convinced". Why? "Because she spent her whole life with young people, continuously teaching, knowing that these people would then return to their country and she would start all over again. You didn't mind asking her anything. She was demanding, yes, and got upset when we didn't pay attention (...) She taught us with her life, by example, not with lessons. She was always pushing onwards, she was very encouraging. This made us appreciate her very much".

Without wanting or intending to, Dora was a focus of attraction for those who knew her. They came up to her to tell her things, to ask her advice. She was serious and didn't speak a lot, but when dealing with the younger people, says Iday, Dora made an effort to be more friendly, to the point of almost matching the tone of voice to the others. As Olguita says: "She knew each person very well, she treated them according to what they needed. She was very approachable and she let herself be loved."

To this day, Dora is still present in a certain way in those who lived with her. Olguita, for example, asks God through her intercession to help her in her work, or when something is particularly difficult for her.

PRAYER FOR DORA'S INTERCESSION

O Lord, you called your servant Dora to work at the tasks that the Blessed Virgin Mary carried out in her home at Nazareth. Help me find you in the ordinary events of daily life, and to fill my surroundings with the same family warmth that Dora brought to hers with her cheerful and selfless work, following the teachings of Saint Josemaría. Glorify your servant Dora, and grant me the favour that I ask (*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 judgment of the Church, and that this prayer is not intended for public use.

NEWS OF THE CAUSE

In 2022 in Madrid, an additional process to better document Dora's fame for holiness and favours granted through her intercession was concluded. In 2023 a similar process in Santiago de Chile was concluded.



FAVOURS

On Monday 14 November, at the end of my working day, the company told me that they didn't want me any more, so I didn't have to come to work the following day.

Being left without a job in such a surprising way, I started to look for a new one. And I prayed to Dora del Hoyo to help me find one quickly and, if it was in line with my training or the type of work I had been doing, so much the better.

On Wednesday 16th, I was called me for a job interview and on the 18th I was told I had been hired. I am grateful to Dora for helping me to find a job so quickly and in line with my professional expectations.

M. L. C. (Spain)

In 2021 my daughter was going to study for a year in the USA, but she was finding it very difficult to get an entry visa. The days went by and the date for the start of classes was approaching. The process with the consulate in our country was very slow due to the pandemic and we were not getting a response to our request.

We prayed very hard to Dora for the problem to be solved and for my daughter to be able to get to school there on time. We prayed several novenas and told many people to help us, also praying to God through Dora's intercession. Things worked out and finally, in a very miraculous way, she got her visa to travel and arrived in time for the start of school.

We are sure that it was Dora who did us the favour and we have spread devotion to her to many people who have asked her for help in different needs.

V. G. (Chile)

Those who have obtained favours through the intercession of the Servant of God Dora del Hoyo are asked to let us know by writing to us at the address below. More information is available at www.doradelhoyo.org

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