

DORA DEL HOYO

SERVANT OF GOD

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AN ATTENTIVE GAZE AND HEART

In 1943, Dora del Hoyo was 29 years old and had extensive professional experience. She started a new job in Madrid, at the newly opened Moncloa Hall of Residence. It was a temporary job, as she had other plans in mind. As soon as she arrived, she grasped the situation and realised the difficulties: supply problems, food shortages, lack of experience and poor work management. Out of consideration for the person who had asked her to accept the job, she decided to stay for only a week. However, the generosity, resilience and eagerness to learn of those who were carrying out the work, and the obvious need for help, made her realise how much she could contribute there and prompted her to delay her departure.



From the outset, Dora suggested some improvements to make the work more professional and efficient. She was also growing fond of the women of Opus Dei with whom she was working and, after a month of doubts, she decided to unpack her bags and stay until the end of the academic year. Her big heart led her to understand that her presence there was important; to realise, in the words of Rosalía López, 'that this work was very much God's work and that she had to help: her professional work was essential in that family'.

Dora developed an eye for recognising the needs of others and a generous heart for teaching others how to work better, setting an example herself, first and foremost. Furthermore, when she met St. Josemaría and learned about his message of sanctification of professional work, she discovered a spiritual dimension in her daily life through her vocation as an assistant numerary. As a result, she became more interested in people, devoted herself to them with patience, and realised that this work, which she loved and did very well humanly speaking, could take on a supernatural dimension that surpassed all her human dreams.

This loving attention to family needs is also evident today in the many favours she grants, especially to families with small children, in the care of the elderly, and in situations of hardship in finding suitable housing.



■ PRAYER

O Lord, you called your servant Dora to work at the tasks that the Blessed Virgin Mary carried out at home in 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, through her intercession, 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 the judgment of the Church, and that this prayer is not intended for public use.

■ NEWS OF THE CAUSE

Two processes have been concluded, one in Madrid and the other in Santiago de Chile. The Roman phase of the Cause is currently under way.

FAVOURS

At the beginning of the year, the owners of the flat where my mother lives informed us that they had to sell the property, which meant that my mother would have to find another place to live. At that point, my mother and I began a novena to Dora, as she was an expert in home-making, with my added request that she help us find the best solution. A few weeks later, a buyer-investor appeared who purchased the flat and agreed to renting it to my mother so that she could continue living there. Although the rent has increased slightly, he is going to make significant improvements to the flat. As a result, my mother will not have to move again and the conditions of her home will improve. Clearly, Dora helped us find the best solution, for which we are very grateful.

ART (Spain)

The wife of a friend of mine was diagnosed with a benign brain tumour. The neurosurgeon explained that he would not be able to remove it completely and that she would need to undergo radiation treatment afterwards. I told my friend that I would pray for her. And I began to recite Dora's prayer for private devotion. The operation was a success, as the neurosurgeon was able to remove the entire tumour.

MGP (Spain)



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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