

FAVOURS

18 May

I work in a cancer research laboratory. The deadline for delivering the results of some experiments was mid-June and, in order to carry them out, we needed a set of reagents that we had to order. When we requested them, we were told that they would not be available until August.

I remembered Guadalupe, who had also worked in a research laboratory and may have experienced the same problem. As soon as we had recourse to her intercession, possible solutions and alternatives that might work began to emerge. Guadalupe's intercession became even more evident when the reagents arrived on 18 May, the feast day of the Blessed. Thank you, Guadalupe!

J. S. L. - Spain.

Prayer

O God, grant me through the intercession of Blessed Guadalupe that, like her, I may learn to carry out my ordinary work with love, and spread faith and joy to everyone around me, so that many more may come to know you and love you. Deign to grant the canonisation of Guadalupe and, through her intercession, grant me the favour I ask of you... (here make your petition). Amen.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.

In an art gallery

For the past few months I've been applying for more than 40 jobs in the US, but nothing came up. My professional interest is in the art world. In mid-July I decided to make a novena, praying the prayer card of Guadalupe Ortiz and promising that, if I found something, I would write the favour to push for her canonisation.

Just one day after I had finished the novena, the head of a gallery with four locations in New York, and one of the best in the world, wrote to me offering me an interview.

Two weeks later, I received an e-mail from the head of the gallery. Before I read it, I prayed a prayer card to Guadalupe reminding her of our "deal". And that was the email congratulating me for having been selected for the position.

G. A. - Spain.

Those who obtain favours through Blessed Guadalupe's intercession are asked to write about them to the Office for the Causes of Saints of the Prelature of Opus Dei through the website www.guadalupeortizdelandazuri.org

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Daughter, sister and aunt

The Ortiz family was marked by a painful and unexpected event. In 1936, in the middle of the Spanish Civil War, the father was condemned to death and, without warning, executed in one night. He left a widow, Eulogia, with three children: Manolo, Eduardo and Guadalupe. This had a particular influence on Eulogia, who was deeply affected.

Years later, in 1944, Guadalupe came to know Opus Dei and understood that God was calling her to be part of that family as a numerary. However, she wondered how her mother would fare – her siblings were already married – when she left home to live in a centre. After talking it over, her brother Eduardo and her sister-in-law offered to live with Eulogia, and this is what happened. Guadalupe often went to lunch with them and told them about her activities. When in 1950 Guadalupe moved to Mexico to spread the message of Opus Dei, they thought again about the best solution for their mother and found a lady, Vicenta, who took care of her and accompanied her until her death.

Blessed Guadalupe's relationship with her family now developed through the long letters she wrote frequently from America. She was interested in family events, studies, health. With her good humour, she recounted her adventures in the middle of the jungle or in the face of various dangers. Thanks to the optimistic and cheerful tone of her anecdotes, she was able to narrate in a way that did not transmit worry or excessive risk. When she wrote to her nephews and nieces, she thought of what might amuse them; with her mother, she did not explain

telements that might make her suffer.

In 1958 Guadalupe returned to Madrid and resumed her personal contact with her family, especially her mother. She accompanied her to the shops, to the doctor, to run errands. They started the custom of having lunch together on Thursdays for those who could come to the house of the grandmother. She also organised an activity for making liturgical vestments. Although Eulogia did not sew, she felt useful, offering her flat and chatting with the participants. When Guadalupe did a summer course at a conference centre, she put her mother up in a nearby hotel to rest and accompanied her in her free time.

Eduardo and his family, meanwhile, lived in Pamplona and looked forward to her visits. When they saw Guadalupe, they asked her to tell them about her adventures in Mexico, which were amazing to their children's eyes. After the initial greetings, the aunt would ask them about their interests and the nephews and nieces noticed that she knew in detail what everyone was up to.

Eulogia's health grew weaker and in late 1974 she was admitted to the hospital of the University of Navarre where Eduardo worked. In the spring of 1975 Guadalupe was also hospitalised for heart surgery. The operation was complicated and Guadalupe died on 16 July. Seven days later, her mother died, in what the family understands as a detail of providence, which was intended to show how the two were very close, both in life and in death.



Excma. Sra. Dña.
Eulogia Fernández de Heredia
y **Gaztañaga**
widow of Ortiz de Landázuri
11 - III - 1882
23 - VII - 1975
And her daughter
María Guadalupe
12 - XII - 1916
16 - VII - 1975

Holiness consists in striving to be faithful throughout life and joyfully accepting God's will at the hour of death. (J. E. de B.)

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints (Ps 116:15)

OUR LADY OF FAIR LOVE,
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(Memorial card of the deaths of Guadalupe and her mother)