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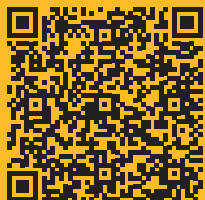
We dedicate this Newsletter to some special graces obtained from God through the intercession of the **Venerable Servant of God Isidoro Zorzano**. Isidoro was born in 1902 and died in 1943. Eighty-two years have passed since his death, and many have turned to him to pray to God for their needs. The continued practice of this prayer is proof of its effectiveness and that private devotion to him remains alive. This phenomenon is known as the ‘*fame of signs*’, and the Church defines it as follows: “The *fama signorum* is the widespread opinion among the faithful regarding the graces and favours received through the intercession of the Servant of God” (Congregation for the Causes of Saints, Instruction *Sanctorum Mater*, Article 6). Among the graces obtained through the intercession of Isidoro there are several examples of remarkable healings. Although they may lack an element required for them to be declared miracles, these special favours are “**super-favours**”. We present **two examples** from different periods:

1961

Father José Escribano was born in Spain in 1933, studied medicine and was later ordained a priest. In 1959 he moved to Canada to strengthen the faith of the faithful in that country and to spread the message of Opus Dei.

While giving a retreat in the autumn of 1961, he began to cough up blood. X-rays revealed signs of **cancer in the thorax**. Those around him immediately began to pray for his healing through the **intercession of Isidoro Zorzano**. When the doctors operated on him to confirm the diagnosis and treat the condition, they discovered that **everything was perfectly fine**. Father José recovered from the operation and his symptoms. He was then 28 years old and lived to the age of ninety. For decades he served in his priestly ministry in Montreal, Quebec City and Ottawa.

He always considered himself the recipient of a special grace from God through his complete healing.



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Fr José María Escribano

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On 5 August, in Madrid, a 64-year-old man got up and began to feel chest pains which he quickly associated with angina. He called his eldest son and asked him to take him to hospital immediately. He had suffered an acute myocardial infarction due to a blocked coronary artery. On arrival at A&E, he suffered two cardiac arrests, from which he was resuscitated after 5 and 2 minutes respectively. Finally, he suffered a third cardiac arrest to which he did not respond to resuscitation. He had to be connected to an extra-corporeal circulation device and circulation maintained using an aortic counter-pulsation balloon. His body temperature was also lowered to reduce brain damage caused by lack of blood flow. The doctors used all available resources. The family were told that his chances of survival were very slim. His wife could barely pray; she could only manage to repeat a few disjointed Hail Marys. Late that evening, the image of Isidoro Zorzano suddenly came to mind. She searched for his prayercard online and prayed for her husband's recovery, reciting an Our Father, a Hail Mary and a Glory Be.

Four days later, they reduced the anaesthesia and raised his body temperature. Immediately, the patient moved his head and opened his eyes. On returning home, the wife, overcome with emotion, felt the need to tell Isidoro about the steps towards recovery. From that day on, she prayed using the prayercard in the morning and in the evening. Eleven days after the heart attack, he was discharged, fully recovered. His wife continues to pray and feels as though it was all a dream from which they have just awakened. Without detracting from the excellent work of the doctors, it is very gratifying to see how the intercession of Isidoro Zorzano sustained both the patient and his family throughout this difficult process. Isidoro continues to intercede before God today on behalf of those who call upon him.



Isidoro on an excursion

News of the Cause

Isidoro was declared Venerable in 2016.

Prayer

Almighty God, you granted your servant Isidoro abundant graces as he carried out his daily work: grant that I also may learn to sanctify my ordinary work and take the light of Christ to my friends and colleagues. Deign to glorify your servant, and, through his intercession, grant me the favour I request . . .
(*here make your petition*).
Amen.

*Our Father, Hail Mary,
Glory be to the Father...*

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.

More information is available at www.isidorozorzano.org
Anyone who has obtained favours through the intercession of Venerable Isidoro Zorzano, is asked to let us know by writing to the address below:
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