



# ISIDORO ZORZANO

**H**e organised his time and his work in such a way that he could take on small services to relieve others of them, with such **refinement** that the beneficiaries did not realise that he was doing more than he ought in justice.<sup>1</sup>

“I was impressed by his continual peace and **serenity** and his spirit of mortification. However annoying the jobs and tasks he was given might be, he always approached them with a smile.”<sup>2</sup>

“We, the youngest in the house, were given the task of fastening and nailing sackcloth. Because of the intensity of the cold, our hands quickly became numb and unable to handle the nails and hammer together with the folds of burlap, and so the task was much slower than we would have wished. Well, one fine day, to our surprise and satisfaction, we found the task complete and perfectly finished. It had been Isidoro who, taking pity on our hardship, had taken the trouble to do the task for us when he returned from his work, tired and exhausted: a detail of **generous sacrifice and fine fraternal charity.**”<sup>3</sup>

Isidoro knew how to work hard, quietly, **without attracting attention** to himself, as Blessed Alvaro del Portillo and others observed:

“Isidoro was constantly working. I believe that no one can say that they saw him wasting time. And this is no small praise. But much more was his ability to link this industrious spirit with an uncommon **humility.** Isidoro was never in the way: in his corner, he worked silently, humbly, aware that good makes no noise nor does noise make good. He knew how to work with perseverance and peace always, with **constancy and**

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**joy.** Even if, as happened in the last years of his life, physical pain did not allow him even the indispensable rest.”<sup>4</sup>

“He had a lot of work to do [...]. He worked intensely and attentively and, on the other hand, without drawing attention to it, doing it quietly, noiselessly. He was not one of those people who make everyone aware of the work they do, who run through life fussing about their work, explaining their problems; or one who gives the impression of doing everything in a hurry, in a daze; or give themselves importance because of the many occupations they have. Isidoro did everything peacefully, without being noticed, by personal struggle, without ever complaining, with continuity, without unnecessary interruptions. He was convinced that he was doing nothing other than what he was obliged to do if he wanted to **sanctify himself in ordinary life**, in conformity with the vocation he had received, and to be a support to the founder of Opus Dei.”<sup>5</sup>

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1 Cf. St. Josemaría Escrivá, *The Way*, 440.

2 Declaration of Fr. Jose Luis Múzquiz, Summ., 1044, p. 445.

3 Declaration of Fr. Teodoro Ruiz, Summ., 1149, p. 498.

4 Declaration of Blessed Alvaro del Portillo, Summ., 1120, p. 484.

5 Declaration of Prof. Francisco Ponz, Summ., 1100, p. 473.

## Favours

In December I became **unemployed**, and after more than a month of fruitless searching, a resident of Moncloa Hall, one day told me to ask Isidoro Zorzano for help, and so I did. I went to the church of **St Albert the Great [where his remains lie]** and entrusted him with my professional future. I have to say that he interceded for me, because only two days later I had a job. I am very grateful to him.

F.S.C. (Spain)

A couple of years ago I started my own freelance communication agency. At the beginning I had a few clients. But after the summer of 2019 these clients told me that, for various reasons, they would no longer count on my services. As the new academic year progressed I received a number of commissions, but all of them were cancelled because of the Covid-19 pandemic: more than ten were terminated or postponed indefinitely. As a result I wasn't paid a penny for six months. And although I had never stopped making arrangements, I was beginning to despair of the situation. Someone encouraged me **to turn to Isidoro's intercession** to find work, clients, new projects to carry out. I began to pray the prayer card every day, and after a short time, without knowing how, I began to receive calls from people who wanted to **hire my services**, and some not for specific projects but who needed continuous help for many months. This assured me of a certain financial stability. I attribute this favour to Isidoro and I want to put it on record in thanksgiving to him.

J.Q. (Spain)

At the height of the pandemic, I had to travel from Rome to Argentina and Chile. There were many obstacles to overcome, but from the start I **entrusted myself to Isidoro's intercession**. I had no problems with flights, health controls or customs formalities. The only difficulty was that my suitcase did not arrive. I complained to the company and again entrusted myself to Isidoro. When it arrived it was badly damaged, although nothing was missing. I asked them to send me a new suitcase: my claim was accepted and now I have a brand new suitcase. Thank you, Isidoro!

M.F. (Italy)

## Prayer for Private Devotion

Almighty God, you filled your servant **Isidoro** with an abundant wealth of grace as he carried out his professional duties in the midst of the world: grant that I also may learn to sanctify my ordinary work and bring 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.

*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.*

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Anyone who has obtained favours through the intercession of the Servant of God, Isidoro Zorzano, is asked to let us know by writing to the address below. More information is available at [www.isidorozorzano.org](http://www.isidorozorzano.org)

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