

True love for the needy

Isidoro Zorzano practised compassion and concrete concern for the needs of his neighbour. A religious Sister of the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament he met in Malaga writes about him: “He was outstanding in his love for the poor and for the less fortunate people, giving alms to them and consoling them with his always humble, sweet and compassionate words.” (*Testimony of Maria Luz Álvarez*).

VERY GENEROUS IN ALMS-GIVING

He always had a preferential love for the weak and for people most economically and intellectually needy. A lawyer, childhood friend of his in Logroño, says: “No needy person who came to his house would not be helped by him. He shared in the sufferings of others.” (*Testimony of Ángel Villar*).

He was extremely refined and discreet when giving alms to people, always saying some kind words when doing so. A friend of his recalls that he was very generous when it came to help in charity collections. However, he never wanted his name to appear in the list of donors. A diploma industrial engineer who was his student at the Faculty of Industrial engineering in Malaga, writes: “The few times I walked with him, I saw him helping the poor we met on the way, even when he was not asked for help. I was unable to see how much he gave; he did it in such a way that he passed unnoticed.” (*Testimony of Santiago Revidiego*).

HE LOOKED AFTER ORPHANS

“He was involved in many works of mercy, especially with forsaken children.

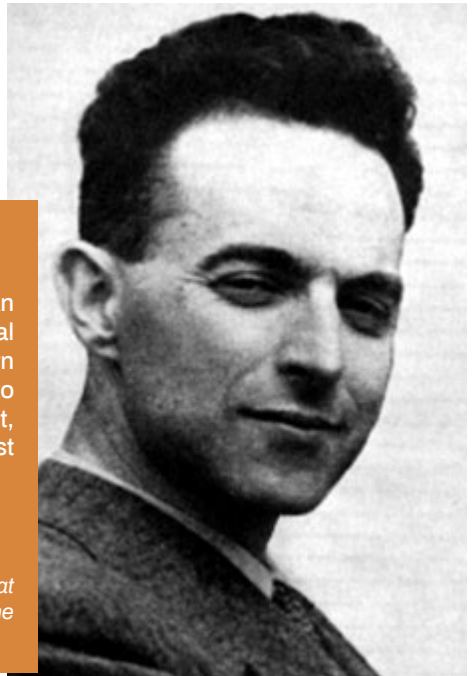
He was possibly moved to do so by the example of the Father [Saint Josemaria Escrivá] who looked after these children in the Porta Coeli Orphanage in Madrid. He also spent lots of time in the Orphanage of the Child Jesus in Malaga.” (*Testimony of Juan Jiménez Vargas*).

After fulfilling his duties, he devoted the remaining hours of the afternoons to them, as a subordinate of his in the Andalusian Railways recalls: “The Jesuits had a boarding school for poor and orphan children in Malaga. He was a teacher there and didn’t charge for it. He spent many afternoons there and some Sundays went for walks with them in the country side.” (*Testimony of Luis Romero*).

Whenever he was able to, he also helped other charitable institutions, such as the one run by the Sisters of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Malaga. Some of the friends he made at the time testify: “Among his charitable works, what became well-known was how he got alms from people at Christmas time, to buy toys and sweets for the poor children of the Sisters of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. [...] Isidoro was always there, enjoying doing good, with his usual smile, not feeling proud about whatever he did, because his simplicity in all he did was remarkable.” (*Testimony of Victoria Prados*). “His way of acting was exemplary in every way: he was always smiling; he was never angry; his greatest joy was to do good, especially to humble people.” (*Testimony of Salvador Vicente de Torres*).

News of the Cause

Isidoro was declared Venerable by the Congregation for the Causes of Saints on 21 December 2016, with a Decree that declared Isidoro's heroic virtues and his reputation of holiness.



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.

Favours

He cured my son

I prayed a lot and asked people to pray for my son Chema. I entrusted myself to Isidoro, because my son was diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma and –like Isidoro– it had spread out. He was diagnosed at the beginning of May and on the 15th of May he started getting chemotherapy. Thanks to Isidoro we were not aware of the effects of the sessions: in the first two sessions he had some digestive discomfort, but he didn't lose his hair or had any other problem, as if he there was nothing wrong with him. He started climbing mountains in July, and has been going hiking regularly in the Pyrenees, the Picos de Europa and other mountains. On 26th November he was told that he was totally cured. I can only say: thank you, My God; thank you, Isidoro. M.J.S.O. – Spain.

A new suitcase

I had to travel to Argentina and Chile from Rome, during the pandemic. I had to overcome many hurdles. From the first moment I entrusted these issues to Isidoro's intercession. In the end I had no problems with the flights, the sanitary controls and the customs. The only difficulty was that I didn't get my suitcase. I claimed it from the Airline and entrusted the matter to Isidoro. Finally, it was found torn, but nothing was missing. I requested to get a new suitcase. My claim was accepted and I now have a fantastic suitcase. Thanks, Isidoro!
M.F. – Italy.

He kept the food frozen

A few days ago, the temperature in the fridge began to rise. I noticed that at 11.00 at night, things were defrosting. As I was unable to do anything at the time, I immediately asked Isidoro that the temperature would not go up any more until the technician arrived. I was grateful to him because he kept things frozen, until the technician arrived 48 hours later and nothing was spoiled.
C.A. – Lebanon

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.
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