

Love for the Church

As Montse's love for God grew, she advanced rapidly in her love for the Church. She was born on 10 July 1941 into a large, Catholic family who lived according to their faith. She felt in her soul that the Lord was calling her to follow him in Opus Dei and – after meditating calmly on this possibility in her prayer, and asking for advice – on 24 December 1957 she said yes. In the summer of that year she had been overjoyed when her older brother decided to enter the seminary and from then she prayed especially for priests. In the Work she immediately learned to pray to God every day for the Pope, for the bishop of her diocese and for unity in the Church.

Shortly afterwards she began to have pains in her legs and she was diagnosed with incurable bone cancer. At seventeen, Montse was well aware of how serious this was. In front of the image of the Virgin of Montserrat that the family had in their home, she accepted the Will of God and from then on she lived with extraordinary serenity.

Her parents wanted to give her something joyful to look forward to and offered her a trip to Rome to meet Saint Josemaría and to pray for the Pope and the Church at the tomb of Saint Peter in the Vatican. Everything was organised speedily, and she was in Rome from 11 to 17 November 1958. Montse was thrilled: to be close to the Pope! Those days, despite the pain she was suffering and a storm during the flight, she was very happy, because she was able to go to pray in St. Peter's Basilica and to see Rome. They were not able to see St John XXIII, as the trip did not coincide with any audience, of which there were far fewer than now. During those days Montse lived in a centre of the Work and met people of Opus Dei from other countries. She was able to greet Saint Josemaría with whom she spent some time. The Founder of the Work was moved by Montse's integrity and supernatural outlook.

The Servant of God's love for Jesus Christ led her to have a filial devotion to the Church. This aspect of her behaviour is also an example for us, for, as Saint Cyprian says: "No one can have God for his Father if he does not have the Church for his Mother." ■

Montse Grases

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Statue of Saint Peter. Vatican Gardens.
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Favours

A useless car

About three months ago we bought an imported car, which was to be registered in England. Unfortunately, registration was complicated by the pandemic. We were increasingly frustrated about having a useless car and began to fear that it would never be registered. So, at my husband's suggestion, I started a novena to Montse. On the third day of the novena, the garage where we had bought the car agreed to exchange it for a registered vehicle, which they brought to us the same day. This second car is just what we need. We are very grateful to Montse.

V. M. – England

Normal reviews

From the moment I got to know Montse's life story, I knew she would be by my side, helping me, for the rest of my life. I have asked her for many things and she has always been part of my family. My children love her very much and we always have recourse to her for everything. Last year I asked her to intercede especially for one of my daughters. She was going through a very difficult time healthwise. After a few months in which the blood tests did not look very good, I asked Montse for my daughter's recovery. That day the analysis came out with all the correct indices. Thank you, Montse, for being there.

N. A. P. – Spain

Venerable

Montse Grases

Prayer

God, you granted your servant Montse the grace of serene and cheerful dedication to your will with admirable simplicity in everyday life. Grant that I may lovingly offer to you all my daily activity and convert it into Christian service for others. Deign to glorify your servant Montse, and through her intercession grant me the favour I ask of you... *(here make your request)*. 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

Montse was declared
Venerable in 2016



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