

# Favours

## She always listens to me

I want to thank Guadalupe for every small and big favour she has granted me. I first heard about her many years ago, in 1978, because I was given an image of Our Lady of Guadalupe and with an account of Guadalupe Ortiz on the back. I was told that she had been a very cheerful and charming woman. This personality caught my attention. I kept this image for many years until I lost it. When I heard about her beatification process, I recalled everything I knew about her and told her that I had known her for a long time and that she had to help me to be better. I think she has helped me a lot in my interior life and in my apostolate and I continue to ask her for help. She has also done me very small and useful favours in my daily life, from finding something lost, opening electric gates, fixing the microwave that didn't work, to finding an American washing machine for sale that I needed, identical to the one I had and in perfect condition. I can say that she grants me many other favours every day and I am sure that she listens to me. Thank you very much, Guadalupe. **M. T. R. – Chile.**

## Women assaulted

In 2019 I had the opportunity to work as a salesperson in industrial measurement and I went to visit a vocational training centre located in the municipality where I was born more than 56 years ago, in the north of Spain. At the reception desk, while they were looking for the person I wanted to talk to, I found a leaflet which I took the time to look at: it related several recent cases of male violence in the municipality. The centre was raising awareness with many reminders about this distressing situation, and the leaflet was very thought-provoking. When I got home, tired from the day's work, and as I was taking my things out of my briefcase, I saw the leaflet again. I remember looking at the picture of Guadalupe I had in my room and the following thought came to my mind: "I leave it in your hands, Guadalupe... I can't get it into any better ones" and I left the booklet under the Guadalupe Ortiz prayer-card. For more than a year I kept checking and there were no more assaults... and I am not aware that they have been repeated in the municipality. I still have the leaflet near her picture, so that she doesn't forget to take care of them. I am convinced that you listened to what I asked of you and I wish to make this favour public. Thank you very much. **J. E. J. – 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 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.*

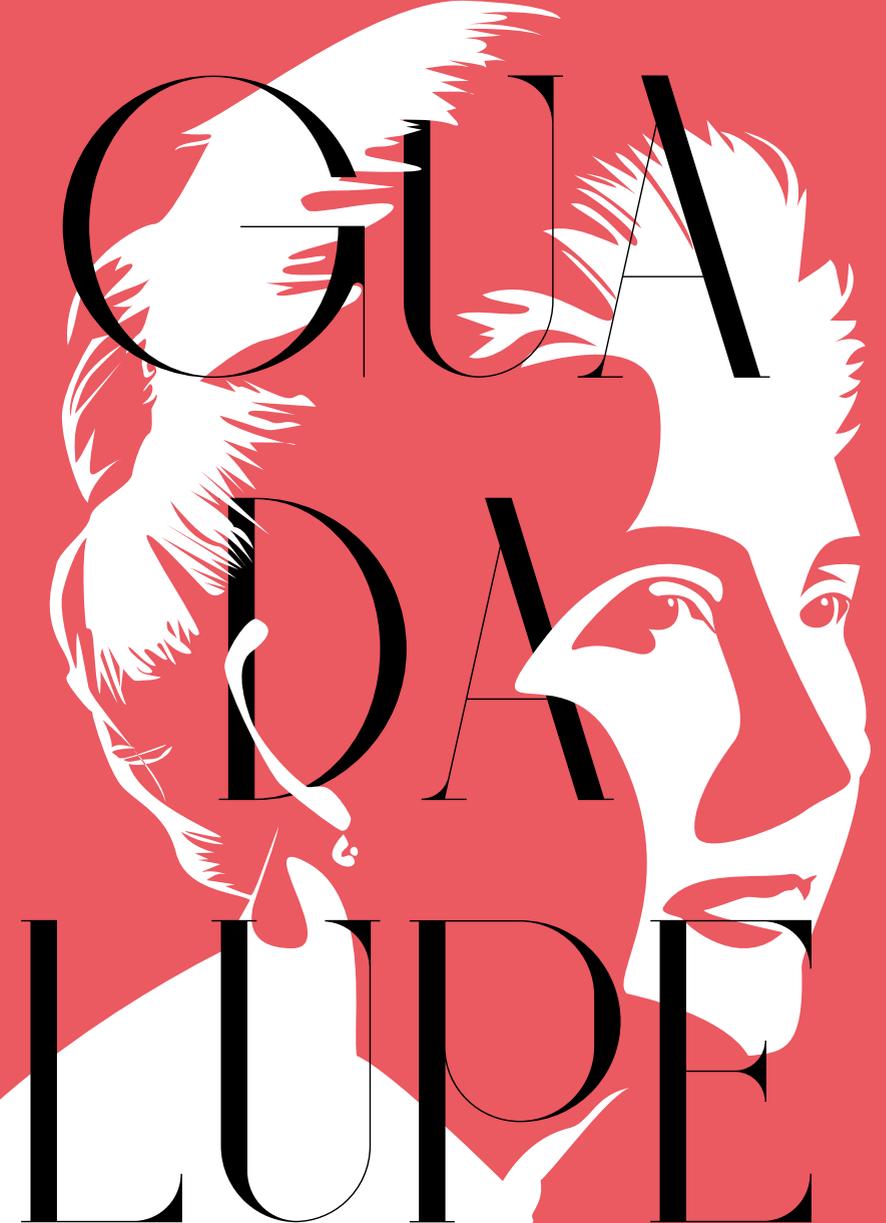
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# BLESSED



# ORTIZ

# A woman who served the Church and society

In a ceremony on 18 May 2019, the Venerable Servant of God Guadalupe Ortiz de Landázuri was inscribed among the Blessed. The following is our translation of the Latin original of the Apostolic Brief of the beatification of Guadalupe. The original text, signed by the Holy Father, was delivered in November 2021. In the text the Pope underlines Guadalupe's way of practising the virtues and encourages spreading her example as a stimulus to respond fully and personally to the Christian vocation.

## **APOSTOLIC BRIEF OF POPE FRANCIS "AD PERPETUAM REI MEMORIAM"**

*Joyful in hope, patient in tribulation, constant in prayer* (Rom 12:12). These words of Saint Paul can be applied to the life of the Venerable Servant of God Guadalupe Ortiz de Landázuri y Fernández de Heredia, for her life was characterised by a contagious joy, by the hope of achieving what the Lord was asking of her, and by fortitude in the face of the difficulties she had to face in promoting numerous apostolic and welfare initiatives and progressing along the path of holiness. These virtues – joy, hope and fortitude – were based on union with God and assiduous prayer, nourished by a lively faith and an ardent love for the Eucharist, as well as filial devotion to the Virgin Mary.

She was born in Madrid on 12 December 1916. At the end of the Spanish civil war she completed her university studies in Chemistry. In 1944 she met Saint Josemaría Escrivá and that meeting changed the course

of her life: that same year, she asked for admission, living apostolic celibacy, in Opus Dei, which she loved and served all her life. With perseverance and prudence, in Madrid she dedicated herself to the formation of young university students, and promoted the start of various apostolic activities in other cities. She then moved to Mexico, where she was involved in spreading initiatives of human and Christian formation among women from all walks of life. In 1956 she was called to Rome to collaborate in the central governance of Opus Dei, but due to a heart condition she had to return to Madrid. Forced to reduce her activity, she was able to complete her university studies to obtain a research doctorate in chemistry. In 1960 she began teaching chemistry, physics and mathematics at an industrial training school for women.

The Venerable Servant of God responded generously to the Lord, who called her to seek holiness in the faithful and generous fulfilment of her family, professional and social duties, which became for her a place of encounter with Christ and of service to her neighbour in spiritual and material needs. Through her work and her unceasing apostolate, she spread the light of the Gospel and served the Church and society in various cities and nations. In spite of her delicate health, she continued to devote herself with enthusiasm to teaching and apostolate among her colleagues, students

and friends. Moved by charity, she became involved in various projects giving formation and directing a centre for the study of domestic sciences.

On 1 July 1975, due to a worsening of her heart disease she underwent a risky operation. During her convalescence she suffered an unexpected respiratory crisis. On 16 July, the feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, she piously gave up her soul to the Lord.

In consideration of her constant reputation for holiness, from 18 November 2001 to 18 March 2005, a diocesan process on her life, virtues and reputation for holiness was carried out in the Archdiocese of Madrid. On 17 February 2006, the Congregation for the Causes of Saints decreed the juridical validity of the investigation and, after the preparation of the Positio, on 7 June 2016, the special Congress of the Theological Consultors answered the question of the heroic exercise of virtues in the affirmative. The Cardinals and Bishops of the Congregation pronounced themselves in the same way at the Ordinary Session of 2 May 2017. We established that the Congregation for the Causes of Saints promulgate the corresponding Decree. In view of the Beatification, an allegedly extraordinary cure was assessed, which on 5 October 2017 the medical Consultors of the same

Congregation declared to be scientifically inexplicable. On 1 March 2018, the Theological Consultors, at a special Congress, attributed it to the intercession of the Venerable Servant of God, and the Cardinals and Bishops, at the Ordinary Session of 5 June 2018, considered it a true miracle. Thus, on the 8th of that same month of June, we ordered the publication of the corresponding decree and established that the rite of Beatification be celebrated in Spain, in Madrid, on 18 May 2019.

Today, therefore, His Eminence Cardinal Angelo Becciu, Prefect of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints, by Our mandate, has read the text of the Apostolic Letter, with which We inscribed among the Blessed the Venerable Servant of God Guadalupe Ortiz de Landázuri y Fernández de Heredia.

***Acceding to the wishes of our Brother Carlos Cardinal Osoro Sierra, Archbishop of Madrid, and of Monsignor Fernando Ocariz, Prelate of the Personal Prelature of the Holy Cross and Opus Dei, as well as many other members of the Episcopate and numerous faithful, after having obtained the opinion of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints, with Our Apostolic Authority, We grant that the Venerable***

***Servant of God Guadalupe Ortiz de Landázuri y Fernández de Heredia, a faithful laywoman of the Prelature of the Holy Cross and Opus Dei, who gave her life to the Lord, joyfully serving her brothers and sisters in the performance of their daily tasks, may henceforth be called Blessed and may be celebrated each year on 18 May, in the places and in the manner established by law. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.***

May the faithful example and admirable conduct of this illustrious woman, included in the list of saints, be shown to those who are in difficulty, and may she herself, who has given proof of such great and numerous deeds, be especially honoured, so that many may receive encouragement from her exemplary conduct and encouragement to live faithfully as Christians. What we have decreed with the present letter we wish it to remain stable now and in the future, in spite of all dispositions to the contrary.

Given in Rome, at St. Peter's, and sealed with the Fisherman's ring, this 18th day of May 2019, the seventh year of Our Pontificate.

Pietro Cardinal Parolin.  
Secretary of State

