

# GUADALUPE

BLESSED

ORTIZ

## 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.

Those who obtain favours through Blessed Guadalupe's intercession are asked to write about them to the Office for the Causes of Saints of the Prelature of Opus Dei through the website [www.guadalupeortizdelandazuri.org](http://www.guadalupeortizdelandazuri.org) or by writing to [ocs.uk@opusdei.org](mailto:ocs.uk@opusdei.org)

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# GUADALUPE PROPOSED AS *PATRON OF MADRID* *CHEMISTS*

On 9 May 2024, the Madrid College of Chemists expressed its desire to have a new patron saint: Blessed Guadalupe Ortiz, Doctor in Chemical Sciences from the Complutense University of Madrid and teacher at the Santa Engracia High School, also in Madrid. Her teaching vocation, her faith and her dedication to others are a point of reference that can inspire those working in the field of chemistry to consider the ethical and social dimensions of their work. The academic ceremony which took place at the headquarters of the Madrid College of Chemists was chaired by its dean, Iñigo Pérez-Baroja, and Fr José Carlos Martín de la Hoz, the vice-postulator of the Cause. Together they presented the decision of the ordinary general meeting of the College to name Blessed Guadalupe, herself from Madrid, as its patron saint. Pérez-Baroja explained the main reasons for the choice of Blessed Guadalupe as the new patron saint of the College: '...on account of her love of chemistry, her strong Christian convictions, and her example of holiness in normal life; together with being a promoter of social projects and her

skill in communicating and disseminating her knowledge of chemistry'. For this appointment, the College of Chemists and the Association of Chemists and Chemical Engineers of Madrid have asked the Cardinal Archbishop of Madrid and other ecclesiastical authorities for their opinion. They await the response of the hierarchy with confidence. Guadalupe Ortiz (born in Madrid, 1916) was one of the first university women to study chemistry in Spain and was beatified in Madrid on 18 May 2019. She was also one of the first women in Opus Dei, an institution that promotes holiness in ordinary everyday life and the exercise of professional work. As a Christian, her relationship with her Father God was outstanding in its natural simplicity. In his speech, Martín de la Hoz described Blessed Guadalupe as a 'fun-loving and joyful woman' who with the example of her life communicated to all who knew her the message that 'we must always be happy, because we are God's beloved children'.

She dedicated a large part of her working life to teaching chemistry, and was renowned for her generous dedication to her students. As a researcher, she collaborated with the Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas (CSIC) – the Sciences Research Council – and in the application of chemistry in the home. Blessed Guadalupe also promoted social projects and projects for the formation of women in Mexico, Guatemala and Spain. She died of heart disease in 1975 at the University of Navarre Hospital. Since her beatification, her fame as a saint has been increasing worldwide. On 18 May 2024, as every year, there was a Mass said in honour of Blessed Guadalupe at the Caballero de Gracia Oratory in Madrid, where her remains rest. Among the congregation was a large group of chemists.



## PILGRIMAGE TO MEXICO

Ever since starting my doctorate, I have constantly asked Blessed Guadalupe to guide me, and have always felt accompanied by her. I live in Colombia and my dream was always to be able to make a pilgrimage to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe to whom I have great devotion. To my surprise, the director of my thesis told me that one of the options for my internship was to go to Mexico. I began to make the necessary arrangements. There were many difficulties but, thanks to the intercession of Blessed Guadalupe, the paths opened up and I was able to do my internship and visit the Basilica together with my husband!

**M.C.V., Colombia**

## THE MIRACLE OF GUADITA

My daughter was pregnant with a baby girl and they decided to call her Maria Guadalupe. Four months into the pregnancy, a diaphragmatic hernia was discovered in the baby. The chance of her surviving at birth was less than 30 per cent. Taking advantage of the name they had chosen for the baby, I gave my daughter a prayer card of Blessed Guadalupe, to look after her. For my part, I began to pray to her daily, asking for her intercession so that the baby would survive and do well. Guadita was born on 3rd September and was operated on five days later. The recovery was not easy and she had a series of serious complications, including some cardio-respiratory arrests. We were sustained by the prayers of many people, some of whom entrusted her to Guadalupe. Guadita is now almost three years old and developing normally. The doctors who took care of her are surprised, because although they never gave up, she often underwent some very critical situations.

**B.M.L., Argentina**

## FAVOURS

### ENTRANCE TO A HALL OF RESIDENCE

A friend of mine interviewed for a hall of residence in Madrid, but he was not very happy. There were only 19 places left and 700 people had applied. I have a great devotion to Guadalupe because I saw my vocation at her beatification. So I told my friend: "Let's ask this Blessed to get you a place in the residence: every day before you go to sleep and when you wake up, let's pray a prayer-card to her; and if you can pray more during the day, so much the better." That's what we did for three weeks, and a few hours ago they confirmed that one of the 19 places was his. The first stop he will make when he arrives in Madrid will be the Caballero de Gracia Oratory. For now we are content to go to the Church of San José in Seville (where there is a picture of her) and thank her.

**P.L.C., Spain**

### A PLACE AT THE UNIVERSITY

My daughter is a lecturer of Ancient History and Archaeology, but there are hardly any openings in her speciality. She has been feeling frustrated that after more than 20 years at that university, vacancies in her speciality were few and far between: it was like falling in love and not being loved in return. I go every week to the Caballero de Gracia Oratory and I said to myself: "I'm going to entrust this intention to Guadalupe, here, where her remains are enshrined." And so I have continued over the past few months. A permanent position has now become available to my daughter. A mother's request has been heard and the intercession has been clear for I was sometimes afraid that my daughter was falling ill because of her situation.

**L.M.G., Spain**

