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"Before God, no occupation is in itself great or small. Everything gains the value of the Love with which it is done."

St. Josemaría Escrivá (*Furrow*, 487)

Dora del Hoyo Alonso was born in Boca de Huérgano (León, Spain) on 11 January 1914. Her parents, who were exemplary Christians, raised her to be a good daughter of God.

On 14 March 1946, in Bilbao, Spain, Dora asked for admission to Opus Dei. From the beginning, she knew how to correspond faithfully to her divine vocation, seeking sanctity through her profession: the work of the home. Outstanding among Dora's characteristics were her devotion to the Holy Eucharist – the Holy Mass was the centre and root of her interior life – her tender love for the Blessed Virgin and St. Joseph, and her confident recourse to her guardian angel. Dora moved to Rome on 27 December 1946, at the invitation of St. Josemaría, and remained there until the end of her life.

Dora knew how to find the sanctifying and apostolic significance hidden in every action, even those that appeared most trivial. She combined a spirit of service with professional competence. From Rome, she assisted with the formation of women from around the world and contributed to the apostolic work of Opus Dei carried out in all environments.

Dora died on 10 January 2004. Her remains lie in the crypt of the Church of the Prelature, Our Lady of Peace, Bruno Buozzi, 75, Rome. The cause of canonization was started in Rome on 18 June 2012.

For more information about Dora del Hoyo:
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With ecclesiastical approval.