

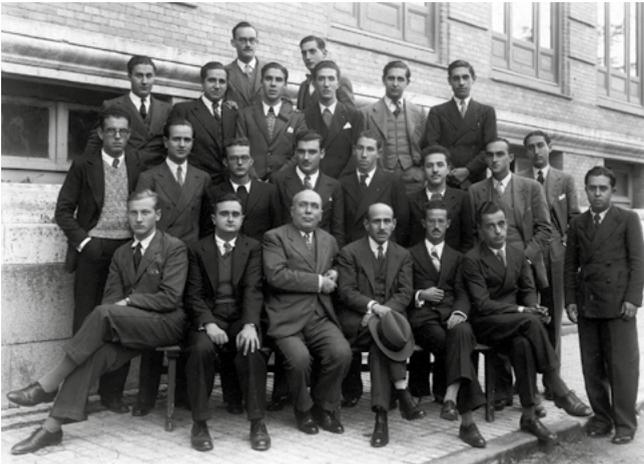


The Servant of God

José María Hernández Garnica

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Photo: Fr José María (second row, second from the left) with his colleagues from the School of Mining Engineers.

Among those who die with a reputation of holiness, the Holy Spirit promotes some as being models and intercessors of the People of God. In our days, too, as in the whole of history, the Church proclaims new saints and new Causes of canonisation are opened.

The Instruction *Sanctorum Mater* dated 17 May 2007, issued by the Congregation for the Causes of Saints, states that the beginning of all processes of canonisation is proof that there is “an authentic and widespread reputation of holiness” and of favours. In the case of Fr José María, there are many who appeal to his intercession before God. A large number of people go to pray to his tomb, which is located in the church of Montalegre, in Barcelona. We transcribe a letter which gives an idea of how extended this private devotion is:

“Dear friends in the Office for the Causes of Saints: We, Mining Engineers, are not a very large group in Spain. Amongst ourselves, when a fellow professional from any part of the country turns to another, he is always well attended to, even though he might not be known personally. Why is this confraternity going to disappear when we seek the help of a colleague who is now further away, enjoying the presence of God? I test this every now and again, when I ask Fr José María Hernández

Garnica for a favour. He always looks after what I ask him.

A friend of mine, who is not a believer, tells me his problems. Don’t worry, I respond immediately, I am going to ask an engineer who is going to be a saint to help you. There were four problems: the health of his mother, who had just received an analysis in which they told her to go to the doctor immediately; his brother-in-law who had been left without a job; his house which he wished to sell because it had become too large and expensive to maintain, and he preferred to live in a smaller flat; and his job, because they had downgraded him and were going to pay him less after reorganising his work.

After praying the prayer card to Fr José María for a few weeks for those intentions, the solutions have arrived, one after another: with his mother, what has remained are the ailments natural at her age; his brother-in-law has found work; a person is now interested in buying his house; and he himself has now had two interviews which can result in a job with better working conditions.

I want to express my gratitude for these favours, and that Fr José María will not mind me continuing to ask for others, for the list of needs in my family and my friends is a long one.”

JGT (26 July 2014)



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Prayer for private devotion

Lord God, you wished to count on your servant and priest José María to spread the call to holiness in everyday life in many parts of the world. Help me to get to know and follow Jesus Christ closely in my ordinary work, so that I can convey to many souls the joy of responding to our Christian vocation. Deign to glorify your servant José María and grant me, through his intercession, the favour I ask of you ... (*here make your request*). Amen.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father.

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.

Those who have obtained favours through the intercession of the Servant of God Fr José María Hernández Garnica are asked to let us know by writing to us at the address shown on this page.

Publications

- **José Carlos Martín de la Hoz:** *Por los caminos de Europa*. Ed. Palabra, "Folletos Mundo Cristiano", nº 745, Madrid 2004.
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News of the Cause

The *Positio* on the life and virtues of Fr José María is currently being worked on.

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A friend of mine had a serious infection in one leg, and he was very near to having it amputated. He was in hospital for two months and I went to see him often. His condition was unchanging and his wound did not heal. They gave him an artificial skin, but without any success for his body rejected it. The doctors could not find a solution. I gave him a prayer card of Fr José María so that he could pray for his cure. Nine days later, another surgeon, a specialist in circulation, saw clearly that they would have to operate, inserting a new vein to facilitate blood flow in the wound. After that operation he improved a lot, they let him leave with a skin graft and it worked well. We both attribute his cure to Fr José María, who after nine days of prayer made it possible for a more specialized surgeon to attend to him.

ALI

A couple of years ago I read the biography of José María Hernández Garnica. To tell the truth, I liked the affectionate way of calling him, *Chiqui*. I thought he was a person who was very near and when my husband was left without a job, I had recourse to him so that he would find a job soon, and at the moment we have been coming out of our difficulties. I feel that Chiqui "from heaven" is looking after us and sends small favours, which help us to overcome those difficult moments.

MG

I had to pay a debt to a welfare work we were doing, and I needed a quite a lot of money. It was the day when, in Montalegre, the Mass was being said on the anniversary of the death of Fr José María. I looked at his tomb and asked him to help me. At that very moment I saw a friend and asked him for the required amount, telling him what it was for. He said that he would help, and he sent me the money.

JJV

For a number of years for professional reasons I have been going to Ireland for a few weeks. And, as I know that Fr José María helped with the Work there, and has already done me some favours, I have the custom to ask him for different things that can happen to me during my stay that country. On my last trip, a virus got into my computer and it was driving me mad for a number of days. It appeared on all the pages of the web I tried, even my bank account, and I began to worry that it might lead to worse situations. I tried an antivirus program for the whole system. And although it did detect and isolate a number of affected files, it did not solve the problem. In the end I decided to mention it to Fr José María and I then found some strange web addresses that were upsetting the normal running of the computer. I am very grateful for this new favour.

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