

The Servants of God
**Laurita and Eduardo
Ortiz de Landázuri**



PRAYER

for private devotion

O God, merciful Father, you granted your Servants Laurita and Eduardo an abundant grace to practise the Christian virtues in carrying out their family and professional duties. Grant that like them I too may learn to become an instrument of peace and joy in the world. Deign to glorify your Servants and, through their intercession, grant me the favour I ask of you... (*here make your petition*). 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 judgement of the Church, and that this prayer is not intended for public use.

Eduardo Ortiz de Landázuri was born in Segovia on 31 October 1910. He studied Medicine in Madrid. On 17 June 1941 he married Laura Busca Otaegui. In 1946 he became Professor of General Pathology. In September 1958 he joined the newly-founded Faculty of Medicine of the University of Navarre. The rest of his working life, until his retirement, was spent at that Faculty and at the University Hospital. On 1 June 1952 he asked for admission to Opus Dei. He put his heart into fulfilling his family duties and also sought God through his work as a medical doctor and university professor. He was known especially for his love for the sick, in whom he saw Jesus. He radiated peace and cheerfulness. He died in 1985 with a reputation for holiness. The diocesan process of his Cause of Canonization was concluded in Pamplona in 2002.

Laura Busca Otaegui (called Laurita by those who knew her well) was born on 3 November 1912 in Zumárraga, in the Basque region of Spain. She graduated in pharmacology at the Central University in Madrid in 1935. That same year she met her future husband, Eduardo Ortiz and they were married on 17 June 1941, at the Shrine of Our Lady of Arantzazu. They had seven children. She asked for admission to Opus Dei on 8 January 1953. Alongside her husband, she forged a cheerful and numerous family. Hers was an extraordinarily generous life, spent caring for her husband and children, and for many other people as well, drawing strength from her deep piety and love for God and neighbour. She died in Pamplona with a reputation for holiness on 11 October 2000. The diocesan process of her Cause of Canonization was concluded in Pamplona in 2015.

Those who obtain favours through their intercession are asked to notify the Prelature of Opus Dei, 4 Orme Court, London W2 4RL; e-mail: ocs.uk@opusdei.org.

With ecclesiastical approval.