



### SANTA SEDE APOSTÓLICA EL PALMAR DE TROYA

#### PATRIARCADO DEL PALMAR DE TROYA ORDEN DE LOS CARMELITAS DE LA SANTA FAZ

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One, Holy, Catholic, Apostolic and Palmarian Church





## SACRED APOSTOLIC DECREE IN MEMORY OF THE HOLY DEATH AND MOST SOLEMN FUNERAL OF HIS HOLINESS POPE PETER II

We, Gregory XVIII, Sovereign Pontiff, Vicar of Christ, Successor of Saint Peter, Servant of the servants of God, Patriarch of El Palmar de Troya, *Recéptor Christi*, Ambassador of the Most Blessed Trinity, Aflame with zeal in defence of the Rights of God and of the Church.

We, with indescribable grief, desire that perpetual memory be kept of one of the most significant events in the Holy Catholic Church, which occurred in the Holy Apostolic See on the Eve of the festivity of the 16<sup>th</sup> of July in the present year 2011. This event was the Holy Death of one of the most glorious personalities in the History of the Church, **His Holiness Pope Peter II, De Cruce Apocalýptica**, Sovereign Pontiff of the Church, One, Holy, Catholic, Apostolic and Palmarian, whose baptismal name is Manuel Cecil Alonso Corral, Cofounder of the Order of Carmelites of the Holy Face in Company of Jesus and Mary, Herald of the Lord God of Hosts and Aflame with the Zeal of Elias.

His Holiness Pope Peter II died at 8.07 in the evening of the 15<sup>th</sup> of July in the year 2011, Eve of the Festivity of the 16<sup>th</sup> of July, in his cell in the Papal Residence in "Finca de Nuestra Madre del Palmar Coronada", Avenida de Jerez 51, El Palmar de Troya, Utrera, Seville, Spain.

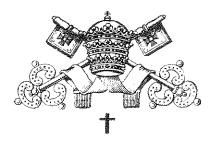
After he had died, We accepted and took upon Ourself the responsibility of continuing the difficult and most high mission carried out for six years, three months and twenty-four days by His Holiness Pope Peter II, We being the legitimate successor to the Cathedra of Saint Peter immediately after his death, according to the Decree of Succession to the Papacy dated the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March in the year 2011, drawn up and signed by Our Revered Predecessor, *De Cruce Apocalýptica*, from which We extract the essential part:

"We, Peter II, Sovereign Pontiff, Vicar of Christ, Successor of Saint Peter, Servant of the servants of God, Patriarch of Palmar de Troya, *De Cruce Apocalýptica*, Herald of the Lord God of Hosts, Aflame with the Zeal of Elias.

We, as Universal Doctor of the Church and Zealous Guardian of the House of the Lord, solemnly declare and proclaim the following:

- 1. We, with the authority of Our Lord Jesus Christ, that of Apostles Saint Peter and Saint Paul, and of Our own: THIS VERY DAY, WE NAME AS OUR SUCCESSOR IN THE CATHEDRA OF APOSTLE SAINT PETER, IMMEDIATELY AFTER OUR DEATH, OUR SECRETARY OF STATE, MOST REVEREND BISHOP FATHER SERGIUS MARY OF THE HOLY FACE AND OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY (GINÉS JESÚS HERNÁNDEZ MARTÍNEZ, IN THE WORLD).
- 2. The present Sacred Apostolic Decree is to be read to all the Palmarian Bishops, in a loud and clear voice, by the Third Vicegeneral of the Order, Bishop Father Seraphim Mary of the Holy Face (Peter Francis McCann, in the world).





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Given in El Palmar de Troya, Apostolic See, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March, First Thursday of the Month, in reparation to the Holy Face of Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the Year of Our Lord Jesus Christ MMXI, and sixth of Our Pontificate.

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With Our Apostolic Blessing Petrus II, P.P. Póntifex Máximus"

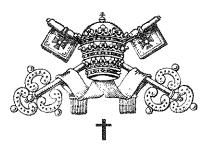
Once prepared for burial with papal adornments and Pontifical white-coloured vestments, he was borne to the Sanctuary of the Main Altar of the Cathedral-Basilica of Our Crowned Mother of Palmar, where he was paid the homage of a great display of filial love from Friars, Nuns, and the Palmarian faithful who had come on pilgrimage for the 16th of July. Turns of Holy Masses were celebrated throughout the night and following day, with the recital of the pilgrimage prayers.

The traditional evening turn of Holy Masses on the Main Altar having ended, celebrated by Ourself in black vestments, at 8 o'clock in the evening took place the most solemn funeral of the Venerable Servant of God, Pope Peter II. The coffin, on the shoulders of eight Bishops, was borne out of the Cathedral-Basilica through the main doors, and placed in the hearse. The funeral, at which We officiated, went around the whole esplanade before the Shrine, while the bells of the Cathedral-Basilica rang out the death-toll. The funeral cortège was very numerous. The hearse having once more reached the main doors, the coffin was again taken upon the shoulders of the eight Bishops, who bore it into the Church and then conveyed it down to the Crypt of the Cathedral-Basilica. There it was interred with the greatest solemnity in the Central Nave, facing the Sepulchre of Saint Gregory XVII the Very Great, in a sepulchre with Altar whose construction had begun after Holy Week this present year, following orders given by the Sovereign Pontiff to his Secretary of State regarding the place in the Crypt where he wished to be buried.

We desire that the same love and veneration you professed and showed to the Papacy of Our two Holy Predecessors, you bear to Us, Your Father General.

Given in El Palmar de Troya, Apostolic See, on the 31st of July, in honour of the Holy Face of Our Lord Jesus Christ; and in honour of Mary Mother, Divine Missionary and Evangelizer, in the Year of Our Lord Jesus Christ MMXI and first of Our Pontificate.





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## SACRED APOSTOLIC DECREE ON THE SOLEMN CANONIZATION OF HIS HOLINESS POPE PETER II

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As Universal Doctor of the Church, by virtue of Our Apostolic Authority:

On the 17<sup>th</sup> of July in the year 2011, in the Cathedral-Basilica of Our Crowned Mother of Palmar, during the celebration of the Most Solemn Pontifical Masses, and following Our Coronation as Successor to the Cathedra of Saint Peter, We proceeded to the Canonization of Our Glorious Predecessor, the Venerable Servant of God Pope Peter II.

Saint Peter II the Great, Pope, pray for us!

We shall try to write the life of virtue and heroic dedication of this great Saint, with the certainty that, even with Our greatest efforts, We will always fall short in describing his great virtues, owing to the poverty of Our limitations in expressing Ourself. And with the fear of attenuating in part the splendour of a life given up to the service of God and Church with utmost generosity, We set about this task with assurance, for all the Palmarian faithful are aware of the extraordinary mission carried out by Our Revered Predecessor, both when Secretary of State to Pope Saint Gregory XVII the Very Great, and during his own Glorious Papacy till the day of his demise.

Called Manuel Alonso Corral in the world, he was born in Cabeza del Buey, Badajoz, Spain, at six in the morning on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> of November 1934, feastday of Saint Cecilia, virgin and martyr; so that he was given the second Christian name of Cecil. A few days later he was baptized in the Parish Church.

His father, Joseph Alonso Píriz, a native of Zamora, was a State Schoolmaster by profession. Deeply Catholic, he was faithful to the political ideals of the National Movement. His mother, Juliana Corral García, a fervent Catholic, canonized by her son Pope Saint Peter II on the 8th of May 2011, was born in a town called Alhocén, in Guadalajara, though her parents were from El Vellón, Madrid, where they resided. Manuel's parents met and married while his father was a schoolmaster in this last town, until later transferred to Cabeza del Buey. They had seven children, five boys and two girls, Manuel being the fourth child.

During his early childhood it was his lot to live, in his native town, the Glorious Spanish Civil War, in the red zone, until shortly before the end of the hostilities. There, in Cabeza del Buey, it was his lot to suffer the misfortunes and trials of the conflict Spain was undergoing. His father, known as a Catholic schoolmaster ever loyal to the cause of Saint Francisco Franco, was the object of persecution by the town communists, without his firmness weakening on that account; and though his life was at risk, with inexpressible heroism he ever rejected any favourable offer which might have involved betraying his holy religious and political ideals. The family had to bear up with bombardments, refuges, flights into the country, until his father performed the valorous and unforgettable feat of passing over with his wife and three young children from the red zone to the National zone, making their way between the two fronts until reaching the city of Zamora, where relatives of his lived.





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Once the war had ended in 1939, Manuel being five years old, the family moved from Zamora to El Vellón, Madrid, where his mother's sisters lived with Jesus, his next elder brother. Shortly afterwards they returned to Cabeza del Buey, until his father was appointed teacher in El Vellón, where Manuel made his First Holy Communion. From there, in the year 1944, at some nine years of age, he went to live in Madrid, where his father practised his profession definitively.

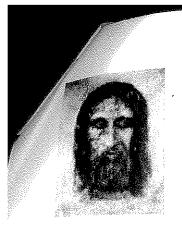
Madrid was the city in which he grew up, and which he loved so deeply that he considered himself a *Madrileño* at heart, as much or more than if he had been born there, being deeply imbued with its beautiful and colourful customs, its pious traditions and its entire cultural, political and historical personality.

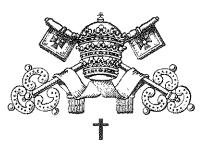
His first formal schooling in Madrid was at the Vázquez de Mella School. At eleven years of age he passed the entrance exam to study at San Isidro's College for his school leaving certificate. There he did the seven years of the then *Bachillerato Superior*. He passed his final exam in the old Central University building, obtaining the certificate of *Bachiller Superior* on the 12<sup>th</sup> of July 1954. In October that same year, he began to study Law, as an external student, as sickness prevented him from always attending class.

It is well to mention that his pious parents took pains to give, both to him and to all their other children, a solid religious formation, as they practised their religion with the most conscientious scrupulosity and submission to Holy Mother Church. He did not remember them ever saying one word which might have offended or been injurious to any Priest. With admirable zeal, his parents, even when their children had grown into youths, made sure to take them to Mass, to confession and to Holy Communion, at least on Sundays, Holydays and First Fridays of the month.

Thanks be to God, during his childhood and youth, though with the normal ups and downs, he led a life of piety and apostolate within the parish catechesis and the ranks of Catholic Action, with all his heart helping his two elder brothers, Joseph and Jesus, who held posts. His brother Saint Joseph Alonso Corral became Youth President. Manuel's youth in Madrid was very happy, since despite the family's many sufferings owing to serious illnesses, he was full of enthusiasm, especially for his studies, literature, and art. His father often took them to concerts, classical theatre performances, the El Prado museum and many other cultural centres. Nonetheless, his greatest aspirations were focused on one day entering the religious life. How much was he to suffer on that account! For he always found his desires of entering some monastery frustrated owing to his very precarious health. For this reason he was heartbroken for many years. Nonetheless, inwardly he always clung to that hope, which was later realized in El Palmar de Troya, Seville, Spain. The age of eighteen was crucial for him, as he came to be more aware of the realities of the spiritual life, and gave himself up fully to religious practices, coming to attain a deep love of purity. In the Church of 'San Pedro el Real' in Madrid, popularly known as the Church of La Paloma, he met an elderly lady called Mary Valiente López. He learnt important things about the spiritual life from her; above all, devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Succour, whereby he was to receive so many favours. When Pope, he was to canonize her on the 21st of June 2009.

From eighteen years of age, he began to have contact with the Redemptorist Fathers, and he was filled with enthusiasm at the rural missionary spirit of this Religious Order, and with the deep devotion they professed to the Most Holy Virgin Mary under the title of Our Mother of Perpetual Succour. He felt so drawn to their piety that he took one of those Friars as spiritual director. His devotion to the Most Holy Virgin Mary began to turn almost into delirium, as not for one moment could he cease to think of Her. He wanted to be sure of Her protection. To do so, at eighteen years of age, on the 25th of July, Feast of Apostle Saint James, he made a solemn vow of Marian Slavery before the Perpetual Succour picture; a vow he renewed every year from then on until his death. He felt deeply protected by the Virgin, and placed all his hope in Her. But Marian devotion was not limited to a mere outburst of fervour, as it infused great love for the Eucharist in him, and he made every effort not to lose Holy Mass and Communion one single day, and moreover to pray the Holy Rosary. At that time, he was very ill with lung trouble, with little hope of a swift recovery, for whenever he made some effort proper to the ordinary life, he relapsed and had to take to bed. Every year he went with great fervour to the novena held by the Redemptorists to Our Mother of Perpetual Succour. As he suffered greatly from his illness,





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he used to ask the Most Holy Virgin for his cure. At the end of the year 1955, he began to feel a certain conviction that, in the following novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Succour, She would cure him completely, a conviction which deepened every time he looked at the Perpetual Succour picture. On the 7th of February 1956, his saintly brother Joseph died, to his and the whole family's great grief. In the following month of May, he attended the novena to the Virgin as usual, and from then on never again had lung trouble. The doctors who later saw him were amazed to see how well he had healed.

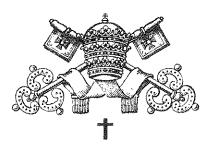
Some months after his brother's death, in the year 1956, when twenty-one years of age, as he found himself in good health, he began to work at the Nuclear Energy Board, thanks to a cousin of his who had a job there as a mining engineer. It was a great joy for him to be able to earn his living and at the same time continue his Law studies, to which he felt singularly drawn. It cost him great efforts and almost heroic sacrifice to continue with his studies: because of his work he had to rise up very early every morning so as not to lose Holy Mass and Communion, since his workday began at eight in the morning and finished at six in the evening, with a short break for a meal. Once over, he stayed on at his office to study until very late, then returning home. He suffered greatly from lack of sleep; since he scarcely had time to rest, and besides had trouble falling asleep.

His concern to receive Holy Communion daily led him very often to make great sacrifices; and God's action was frequently noted, so that he might not be deprived of that supernatural nourishment. It was quite usual for him to rush through Madrid's streets in all haste, going from church to church, looking for one where he could receive Holy Communion, taking advantage of the breaks between classes when attending the university in the evening. He rarely missed Holy Communion, as he sought It every day so earnestly.

He obtained his degree in Law in June of 1963. This was a great joy for him, as it had cost him many privations; for while others, after their work in the office, went out to enjoy themselves, or at least to relax, he had stayed on inside studying for long hours. In the year 1964, the Nuclear Energy Board granted him a scholarship to do Management Studies. The new course likewise meant great sacrifices for him. For once his work at the Board ended, he had to attend class from seven in the evening until ten at night, and then at home settle down to study. If previously he slept little, he now slept less. But these studies allowed him greater facility for fulfilling his religious duties; since in the Jesuit college where he was doing this course, there was naturally a chapel, where it was easy for him to hear Mass and communicate. The course on business studies lasted three years and, thanks be to God, he came through the exams each time with excellent marks; above all the last, despite having spent one month ill in bed with hepatitis and another month convalescing. In June of 1967, the studies ended, with the corresponding Degree.

He combined his work and study with the apostolate of Catholic Action. He also used to visit hospitals on Sundays, instructing and consoling the sick. Until twenty-eight years of age, his apostolic life was very intense, as he devoted all his free time to it. On one occasion he did the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius with the Jesuits, living in, and he was assured that he was of no use at all for the religious life; nonetheless, those exercises were very beneficial to him and a great experience. He also took part in short courses on Christianity, thus strengthening his spirituality, which was beginning to wither. Yet as from twenty-eight years of age, when he had more contact with the world, he found himself being dragged along by his human weaknesses, until then almost dormant in him, with the resultant constant struggle of falling and rising up; since despite his many falls, he never wholly gave up, as he confessed and communicated very often. They were years of great interior suffering, indescribable desolation and almost despair. Still, in the midst of this black whirlpool, in a dream he was given to know that the Most Holy Virgin Mary would help him to overcome Satan, with a new resurgence of his spiritual life; which was later to be fulfilled in El Palmar de Troya. In the dream, he saw an enormous shadow hurling him over a tremendous precipice, and that someone took him in their hands and freed him from falling into the abyss.





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He was always deeply enamoured of literature and the arts. From an early age, as has been said, his father instilled in him, as in the other children, love for good books, paintings and other forms of culture not opposed to the Law of God. His mother had less free time for this, owing to her many duties at home; though she also shared her husband's interests. Every work of literature fascinated Manuel; above all poetry. From his youth he read the Spanish classics: Saint Teresa of Jesus, Saint John of the Cross, Cervantes, Lope de Vega, Tirso de Molina, Saint Peter Calderón de la Barca, and so forth... And likewise the luminaries of romanticism, contemporary writers, and so on. He eventually wrote a good number of poems, and won first prize for one in a poetry competition; though when he became a religious he burnt all his writings.

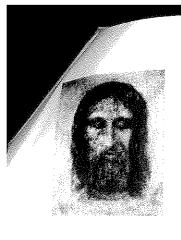
Towards the end of 1966, in Madrid, when he was still doing Business Studies, through a friend he met the superior of the Saint John of God Brothers, who lived in the sanatorium house of Our Father Jesus of Great Power in Seville. Without Manuel having made him any proposal, the superior offered him a post in the Insurance Company and the Workshops of this Institute, so that he might organize the administration and the accounts. Manuel told him that he agreed, but that beforehand he had to obtain his second Degree. It pleased him deeply to go and live in Seville, a city which he had recently visited twice, and whose extraordinary beauty had seduced him. His degree obtained, he asked for leave from the Nuclear Energy Board and they granted him one year.

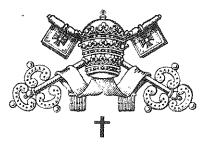
On the 15th of January 1968, he arrived in Seville by car, accompanied by his mother and a brother. He was received with great affection and consideration by the superior of the Saint John of God Brothers. He began his work checking over all the money being deposited in the Spanish banks and savings institutions on the occasion of the great campaign which the superior was carrying out for the construction of the Saint John of God City in the province of Seville. Afterwards, he devoted himself to watching over and organizing the Insurance Company of Saint Raphael and Saint John of God, which had fallen into complete chaos; and with much work and prudence, he was able to set it to rights. He felt very happy working at this task. He was well liked and regarded by all, both the Friars, the children and the workers. He laboured with great enthusiasm; especially because he was dealing with a Catholic Social undertaking. He took no account of sacrifices made and enjoyed the great confidence of the Superior and of the other Friars.

His coming to Seville, a very beautiful provincial capital, was shortly afterwards linked to one of the most transcendent events in history: the Apparitions of the Most Holy Virgin Mary in El Palmar de Troya, and Manuel's association with the principal seer, Clemente Domínguez y Gómez.

On the 30<sup>th</sup> of March 1968, the Most Holy Virgin of Carmel appeared for the first time over a lentisk-tree in the La Alcaparrosa property, to four girls from the village: Raphaela, Anna, Josepha and Anna. This shrub called lentisk was plentiful on the property. Nothing remains of the lentisk tree of the first apparition, since the devotees used to cut its branches off as precious relics. A small wooden Cross was set up in the exact Place, and around it prayers were recited and the seers received heavenly visits. Later on, Clemente by then a seer, the Sacred Face of Jesus and the Image of Our Mother of Palmar were set up in this place of the Lentisco. In this way the spot chosen by the Most Holy Virgin in Her first apparition was preserved. After the first four girls, other seers arose: Rosario Arenillas, from El Palmar de Troya, on the 14<sup>th</sup> of April 1968; Maria Marín, from Utrera, on the 20<sup>th</sup> of May 1968, and Maria Luisa Vila, from Seville, on the 6<sup>th</sup> of June 1968. And in that same year: Antonio Romero, José Navarro (Cayetano), Manuel Fernández, Antonio Anillos and others, all residents of El Palmar de Troya. Subsequently Arsenia Llanos, from Jerez de la Frontera, was also chosen as a seeress. Sadly, all these seers later betrayed the Work of El Palmar, and abandoned this Sacred Place of Apparitions, for varied reasons.

Manuel met Clemente in Seville on the 18<sup>th</sup> of May 1968; and it was at the precise moment determined by Providence to be able to know, follow and share the stages Clemente was to live through as a seer. As from his meeting with Clemente, their friendship grew daily closer and more sincere. Clemente had been born in this city of Seville, in a house quite close to the present apostate roman cathedral, on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April 1946. He worked in an office as an accountant and lived quite simply. In the first days of their friendship, following a conversation they had together,





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Clemente revealed that in the space of a week he had had two dreams: the Most Holy Virgin had appeared to him and had vested him in the habit of Saint Dominic. Clemente told him all this in a very natural way. Manuel gave it little importance. But he, sure of the transcendency of the dreams, emphatically reaffirmed: I will be a Dominican.

When he met Clemente, Manuel had already visited the place of Apparitions out of mere curiosity, though with some respect and interest. He spoke to Clemente of El Palmar, which he too had already visited, and they travelled out to the Place of Apparitions in Manuel's car. During the different visits they made in the year 1968, their attitude was one of respectful curiosity, for at heart they admitted that something supernatural might be taking place.

It was the 15th of October 1968. They learnt that the Most Holy Virgin, through Maria Marín, had called for many to come that day to El Palmar. He and Clemente went to El Palmar at night. When they arrived everything was over, as it was almost 11 at night. Nonetheless, something unpleasant awaited them at that hour. On reaching the entrance to the property, they observed that a number of people were still at the Lentisco. They were moving around as though dancing in a circle about a woman, while singing the Hail Marys of the Rosary, interspersed with sarcastic outbursts of laughter, guffaws and diabolic applause. The blood-curdling spectacle could be appreciated at that distance thanks to some lighted candles there. They did not dare to go up to the Lentisco. They prayed some Hail Marys and went back to Seville. Some time later they were informed that a deranged woman, whom nobody knew, had sown confusion among those present by saying that she was the incarnation of the Virgin of the Pillar. From that day, he and Clemente practically ceased to visit El Palmar.

However, early in the summer of 1969, thanks to an article published in the ABC newspaper by a Jesuit Father in defence of El Palmar, they again felt an interest in those supernatural phenomena. A key date was the 15th of August 1969, Festivity of the Assumption of the Virgin. In the morning he and Clemente left to spend the day at the beach in Cadiz. But on the way they decided to make a stopover in El Palmar de Troya. There was a group of people waiting for a Jesuit Father, who might possibly say Mass in the afternoon. Shortly afterwards this Priest arrived. They spoke with him and decided to spend the whole day there.

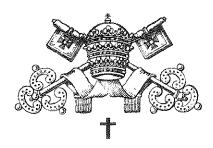
More pilgrims resorted there in the afternoon. The Jesuit Father said Holy Mass on an altar beside the boundary wall, outside the Apparitions site.

During Mass, Maria Luisa Vila had a vision of the Most Holy Virgin. It was the first time they had been present at an ecstasy, though they were not very close to the seeress. They received Holy Communion with much devotion and became convinced that the Apparitions of El Palmar were true. They then went up to the Lentisco, where Maria Marín, in a marvellous ecstasy, was seeing the Lord. Suddenly they heard a powerful voice that said with assurance: "Christ is present here!" Their whole being trembled. It was the first time that they had heard that the Lord was appearing in El Palmar. They also witnessed a vision of Rosario Arenillas, and noted a heady heavenly fragrance. From then on their visits to El Palmar were almost daily. They came to know the seers better, and had proofs of their authenticity.

Very significant were the frequent attentions which the Lord and the Most Holy Virgin gave to Clemente through the different seers of El Palmar, setting him out in singular fashion and showing special preference for him. Doubtlessly, Heaven was preparing the way for the one to whom Their most important Messages would later be confided.

An unforgettable day for them was the 14th of September 1969, Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. It was already night. Shortly before, they had witnessed an ecstasy of Maria Luisa Vila, which had filled them with great peace. But the Devil, making use of someone present there, disturbed Manuel's soul, filling him with doubts. He and Clemente went down to the road. Anguished confusion, seizing hold of Manuel's mind, made him exclaim: "I shall not come back to El Palmar as long as the Virgin does not call me!" Clemente wept. Of a sudden, a most powerful light came up from the horizon, slowly advancing until resting over the Lentisco, forming a great Cross upon a pedestal of luminous flowers with a wonderful radiance. The emotion was indescribable. He and Clemente went running back towards the Lentisco.





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But half way up, the marvellous vision disappeared. They asked three people praying there if they had seen anything. They looked at them in surprise, answering negatively. The seer José (Cayetano) was also there, and he confirmed their vision, and presently entered into a marvellous ecstasy.

They continued to frequent El Palmar. It was on the 30th of September 1969, when Clemente had his first vision. One year and a half had transpired from the first Apparition in El Palmar. A good number of people were praying in the Lentisco, among whom was the seeress Rosario Arenillas. It was nightfall. Suddenly they noted a kind of sigh from Clemente, who told them that he was seeing the figures of two people, one tall and the other shorter, walking slowly towards the Lentisco from the upper part of the property. The two figures, which were dark, whose facial features the seer was unable to discern, stopped some metres away from the Lentisco. Clemente, at the same time as he saw them, was conscious of the place and of the people around him. He understood from the details, somewhat hazy, of their bodies, that they were the Lord and Padre Pio. The vision over, the seeress Rosario Arenillas, who had also witnessed the apparition, confirmed that they were the Lord and Padre Pio. A few days later, he had an identical vision, and in the same circumstances, with the seeress Maria Luisa Vila.

From this time on, Clemente had visions frequently. He also saw the Virgin, Saint Joseph and other Saints, but in the same way as the first two visions: dark and unable to make out their faces. The 8th of December 1969, Festivity of the Immaculate Conception, was a memorable day for Clemente. In the morning they went to El Palmar to stay there the whole day. A good number of people met up there. Towards mid-morning, Clemente entered into ecstasy at the vision of the Immaculate Virgin. Minutes later, the Lord appeared as Christ the King. It was the first time that the seer had seen the Lord and the Virgin clearly. He saw all the details of their figures and faces perfectly. Clemente fell to the ground in rapture, with the loss of all his senses. From that day on, in all Clemente's visions, he had perfectly clear perception. But in the evening, by then dark, Heaven regaled him with further wonderful visions. First the Most Holy Virgin appeared, surrounded by Angels who bore the Habits of the Order of Saint Dominic. Shortly afterwards the Lord appeared, and later a Saint. The Lord indicated to the seer that it was Saint Dominic. This Holy Founder of the Dominicans announced to Clemente the presence of Saint Joseph, who also became visible. For the first time the seer heard the voices of the Lord, of the Virgin and of the two Saints. His vision, however, became ever more impressive. Clemente received the Habit of Saint Dominic from the hands of the Most Holy Virgin. The Angels brought it and vested him in it. Shortly afterwards he also received the sacred vestments of a Priest, and recited the parts of the Mass in Latin, dictated to him by Saint Joseph, except for the Consecration. All this happened mystically, since the seer saw himself thus vested in the vision. Those who surrounded the seer only perceived his gestures and heard his voice. This ecstasy was indescribably beautiful and touching.

Clemente received his first Message from the lips of Saint Dominic on the 10<sup>th</sup> of December 1969, recommending the recital of the Holy Rosary of the Our Fathers. Something very significant, however, took place that day. When they reached El Palmar, the entrance to the property, which was beside the large Cross in the surrounding wall, was closed. That was the primitive entrance. They settled down to pray close to where the Image of the Divine Shepherdess was later enthroned. Clemente fell into ecstasy. He saw that Saint Joseph had moved down from the Lentisco to the wall, close to them. The Lord and Saint Dominic also appeared. When the ecstasy ended, they could see that a new entrance had been opened up, which exists today. They could not get over their surprise, as no one had heard the least noise. Only Don Antonio Vota told them that during Clemente's ecstasy, he went to place his hand upon the wall and it fell down. Rather strange, as the wall was sufficiently strong not to fall so easily. Clemente remarked that Saint Joseph had stood on the wall right at the new entrance. They all understood that it was this Saint who had opened it. They did not dare to enter. At last they went inside the property with certain trepidation and, when they had taken some steps, Clemente saw Saint Joseph who, from the entrance, with his staff, indicated that they should go up to the Lentisco.





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On the 12th of December 1969, Clemente had a vision of Saint Dominic, who told him: "See now at my right hand the Divine Countenance of Our Lord Jesus Christ. See, my son, the Face of Him who gave all, to His very breath, for your sins and for the sins of the whole world." And the Holy Face of Jesus appeared, dolorous and bleeding. Saint Dominic then gave him the important Messages on the Holy Face: the spreading of the Holy Face throughout the world, the Holy Way of the Cross and the Reparatory Communion of the First Thursdays, making reparation for the outrages done to the Lord's Divine Countenance.

Until the Holy Face was set up in the Lentisco, they used to bring up a picture of the Lord's Face, before which they said the prayers. The Holy Face of the Lentisco was set up by order of Heaven to Clemente on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of February 1970. The Image of the Divine Shepherdess was emplaced and blessed on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of March 1972. Our Mother of Palmar was placed in the Lentisco on the 12<sup>th</sup> of September 1972.

In Manuel's professional work at the Saint John of God Institute, because of his association with the Apparitions of El Palmar de Troya, his prestige crumbled. The Friars considered that his work at the Institute was incompatible with the Apparitions, in which he firmly believed. He never neglected his professional duties; so the only reason for that incompatibility was that the Apparitions of El Palmar, following their condemnation by the apostate cardinal of Seville, Bueno Monreal, might compromise the Saint John of God Institute. Nonetheless, both the cowardly and unjust superior of those Friars, as likewise the other Friars, were well aware of his honesty, professionalism and Catholic integrity, since besides, in the Apparitions they were taught to be true Christians. However, their fear and cowardice in the face of what others might say led them to betray their own consciences, acting unjustly and dismissing him.

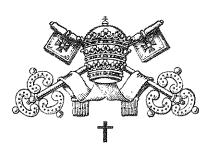
Manuel Alonso was the great propagator of the Palmarian Messages given to Clemente Domínguez, and accompanied him on many of his apostolic journeys throughout the world. They both lost their jobs unfairly on account of their valiant defence of the Work of El Palmar. And God permitted this so that from then on they might dedicate themselves entirely to the apostolate. In different Heavenly Messages, the Lord, the Virgin and other Saints, showed their love for Manuel, addressing him words of gratitude and praise through the seer. Though he was not himself a seer, on certain occasions, both as lay man and as Bishop, he had personal charisms which strengthened him further, if possible, in the truth of El Palmar.

The Divine Work of El Palmar de Troya was fiercely persecuted by the progressivist and ruinous hierarchy of the Roman Church, then ruled by glorious Pope Saint Paul VI, Martyr of the Vatican, who was aware of the Apparitions and Messages of El Palmar, handed over to him by the seer himself. Saint Paul VI never condemned the Work of El Palmar de Troya. Clemente Domínguez and Manuel Alonso had to defend the Apparitions of El Palmar with vigour and tenacity. On the 23rd of December 1975, despite many obstacles, Clemente Domínguez y Gómez, by order of Our Lord Jesus Christ, founded the Religious Order "Carmelites of the Holy Face in Company of Jesus and Mary", of which Manuel Alonso Corral is Cofounder. On the 1st of January 1976, at the request of the Most Holy Virgin, Clemente Domínguez and Manuel Alonso were ordained Priests by Archbishop Saint Peter Martin Ngô-dinh Thuc, who had arrived from Rome some days previously. And on the 11th of January 1976, they were both consecrated Bishops.

On the 29th of May 1976, owing to a car accident brought about by Satan, Bishop Father Clemente lost both eyes. Several months later, by order of Heaven, Bishop Father Clemente received the name of Father Ferdinand, and Bishop Father Manuel Alonso received the name of Father Isidore. The Order of Carmelites of the Holy Face grew, and a sizeable episcopal college was formed.

In the city of Santa Fe de Bogotá, capital of Colombia, at the death of Pope Saint Paul VI on the 6<sup>th</sup> of August 1978, Bishop Father Ferdinand, Clemente Domínguez y Gómez in the world, was elected, anointed and crowned Pope directly by Our Lord Jesus Christ. Three day later, the new Pope, called Gregory XVII, *De Glória Olívæ*, translated the See of the Church from Rome to El Palmar de Troya, Seville, Spain. Thus began the history of the Papacy in El Palmar de Troya, with the mission of restoring and maintaining doctrinal and disciplinary integrity in Christ's Church, by way of





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profound reforms and magisterial teachings. For this purpose, Pope Saint Gregory XVII the Very Great convoked the Holy, Great, Dogmatic Palmarian Council and the Holy Dogmatic Palmarian Synod, in which the then Most Reverend Father Isidore Mary, Secretary of State, took part as principal collaborator. The great Reform Work reached its peak with the elaboration and publication of the Holy Palmarian Bible.

Most Reverend Father Isidore Mary, by order of Pope Saint Gregory XVII the Very Great, travelled through different parts of the world preaching and teaching the true Palmarian Catholic doctrine. On the 24th of October in the year 2000, Pope Saint Gregory XVII the Very Great drew up and signed an Apostolic Decree, naming his Secretary of State, Bishop Father Isidore Mary, as his successor in the Cathedra of Saint Peter. Immediately after the death of Pope Saint Gregory XVII on the 21st of March 2005, in El Palmar de Troya, the new Pope began his Pontificate with the name of Peter II, *de Cruce Apocalýptica*. On the 24th of March, Maundy Thursday, his official coronation took place in the Cathedral-Basilica of Our Crowned Mother of Palmar in El Palmar de Troya, with the assistance of all the Palmarian Bishops, the other members of our Religious Order and of a large number of tertiary faithful of the Holy Palmarian Church. That same day, the 24th of March, His Holiness Pope Peter II canonized his revered predecessor Pope Gregory XVII the Very Great.

The Papacy of the Glorious Vicar of Christ, Peter II, lasted six years, three months and twenty-four days. On the same day his papacy began, he named Most Reverend Father Sergius Mary as his Secretary of State, who collaborated with him in all the arduous tasks which the Church's Government involves. He was a Pope of great works in the Church's interests, as he drew up and approved the magnum opus of Palmarian Ecclesiastical History, as likewise the Palmarian Lives of the Saints, the Children's Grade Bible, and the Elementary and Intermediate Grade Bibles. He also revised and rearranged the Messages of El Palmar de Troya. Warranting special mention among his writings are his Thirty Apostolic Letters sent out to the Church to teach, correct and hearten his Flock, which he loved so dearly as great Shepherd. He declared the Holy Years 2008, 2010 and 2011. He solemnly consecrated the Church Militant to the Eternal Father on the 21st of March 2008. As likewise he solemnly consecrated the Church, Spain, the World and the entire Universe to the Holy Face of Our Lord Jesus Christ on the 30th of March 2010. He also brought up to date, revised and retouched different doctrinal texts. He raised a great number of outstanding members of Christ's Mystical Body to the rank of the Glory of the Altars and declared Doctors of the Church. On the 22<sup>nd</sup> of October 2006, he infallibly defined that the Infernal Dragon incarnate, or Antichrist-in-person, or Man of Iniquity, was born in the year 2000, in Bethlehem, city of David, the very city where Our Lord Jesus Christ, Saviour of the world, was born. Likewise, on the 23rd of July 2006, he infallibly defined that he was descended on his father's side from Saint Ferdinand III, king of Castile and León, and his first wife Saint Beatrice of Swabia; and on his mother's side from Saint Alphonsus Sánchez de Cepeda and his second wife Saint Beatrice de Ahumada, parents of the exalted Reformatrix of Carmel, Saint Teresa of Jesus. He also dogmatically defined other doctrinal matters.

As Pope he had a great interest in visiting and celebrating Holy Masses in different cities and countries marked by his Sacred Footsteps, and thus be able to make the word of God fructify, in imitation of the first Pope Saint Peter I the Very Great. And so, following this yearning, being the first Pope known to have celebrated Holy Mass in Russia, on the 27th and 28th of May 2008 in Saint Petersburg, and on the 29th, 30th and 31st of May 2008 in Moscow, he celebrated Masses. In Moscow he consecrated Russia to the Holy Face, to Our Crowned Mother of Palmar and to Most Holy Crowned Saint Joseph of Palmar, to implore the Eternal Father for the swift conversion of the Russian people.

His health began to deteriorate alarmingly from the start of the year 2009, with kidney problems, which he had been having for some time. He had to undergo several operations. In one of them, which lasted five hours, cancer of the ureter was detected, and it was decided to extirpate it and remove the right kidney, which no longer functioned, being atrophied. From then on his problems became increasingly complex. A highly malignant tumour was detected, and for all the tests and treatments he underwent, the cancer continued to develop. His will to recover, subordinated to God's





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Will, to be able to serve and work for the Church, made him suffer intensely, as he was always conscious of the gravity of his condition, finding himself ever more in need of assistance. With every passing day he felt a little worse. Disease undermined his whole strength. The doctors attending him did not know what to say at all his bodily suffering. They couldn't understand how he kept on living.

On the 6<sup>th</sup> of July 2010, before starting out on his journey to another country for medical treatment, His Holiness Pope Peter II, in the roll-call patio, before the whole Community of Friars present there, verbally named Most Reverend Father Sergius Mary of the Holy Face and of Mary's Immaculate Heart as his successor, so that at his death Most Reverend Father Sergius Mary might occupy the Cathedra of Saint Peter, as Vicar of Christ, and also named him his successor as Superior General of the Order of Carmelites of the Holy Face.

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March in the year 2011, four days before entering a clinic in Seville, as his condition was steadily worsening, His Holiness Pope Peter II, by means of a written Sacred Decree read out to the whole Community of Friars, named Most Reverend Father Sergius Mary of the Holy Face and of Mary's Immaculate Heart as his successor in the Papacy, so that at His death Most Reverend Father Sergius Mary might occupy the Cathedra of Saint Peter as Vicar of Christ and as Superior General of the Order of Carmelites of the Holy Face.

Countless were the medicines and treatments he had to receive from Holy Week 2011 up till the day of his death. It was painful in extreme to see the Father General of the Church ebb away, to see him lose his speech, smile, gaze and encouragement. During the last days of his life, he was scarcely able to receive food and drink, and every attempt to that end resulted almost fruitless.

His illness had great ups and downs, so that it was always thought that he was in his last moments. He had repeatedly made known that, for the great devotion he had to Saint Teresa, he thought that the day of his death would be the 15th of some month, since the feastday of the Holy Reformatrix was also on a 15th. Close to the 29th of June, feast of Saint Peter I the Very Great, We thought that he would be unlikely to reach it.

Days later his breathing became alarmingly difficult, so that the then Most Reverend Father Sergius Mary, before the Community of Friars went out to the evening worship beginning the Vespers of the Feast of the 16th of July, sent all the Friars to the Papal Cell in order to take their leave of the Holy Father, and each give him the Blessing, as he was very grave. This was the Holy Father's desire, which was fulfilled, as he had always wanted to bid farewell to all before dying, in spite of him then being unconscious. Some hours later he died in the Papal apartment in the monastery of the Carmelites of the Holy Face in the Sacred Place of El Palmar de Troya, at 20.07 on the 15th of July 2011, eve of the festivity of the 16th of July, while at the Main Altar of the Cathedral-Basilica, the daily Eucharistic Procession worship almost over, the Salve Regina was being sung, during the final incensation of the Altar. Once prepared for burial in Papal adornments and white-coloured Pontifical vestments, he was borne to the Sanctuary of the Main Altar of the Cathedral-Basilica of Our Crowned Mother of Palmar, where he was paid the homage of a great show of filial love from Friars, Nuns, and the Palmarian faithful who had come on pilgrimage for the 16th of July. Turns of Holy Masses were celebrated throughout the night and following day, with the recital of the pilgrimage prayers.

On the 16<sup>th</sup> of July 2011, after the turn at six in the evening, at eight o'clock the great papal funeral began following the route of the Eucharistic Procession. Burial then took place in the Crypt of the Cathedral-Basilica of Our Crowned Mother of Palmar, in the Central Nave, facing the Sepulchre of Saint Gregory XVII the Very Great, in a sepulchre with Altar whose construction was begun after Holy Week this year, following orders given by the Sovereign Pontiff to his Secretary of State regarding the place in the Crypt where he wished to be buried.

Pope Saint Peter II the Great was solemnly canonized by his Successor Pope Gregory XVIII on the 17th of July in the year 2011, after the Official Coronation of the reigning Pope, and during his First Pontifical. In the Act of his





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canonization, he was declared Pope Saint Peter II "the Great", and was named "Protector and Defender of the Holy Palmarian Christian Church".

He was declared Great Doctor of the Church by His Holiness Pope Gregory XVIII on the 26th of July in the year 2011, feast in honour of Saint Anne, Mother of the Most Holy Virgin Mary.

All the faithful of the Church, One, Holy, Catholic, Apostolic and Palmarian, should turn in all their needs to the special intercession of Our Revered Predecessor, Pope Saint Peter II the Great, and imitate his exalted virtues and commitment to the service of God's Holy Church.

Given in El Palmar de Troya, Apostolic See, on the 31st of July, in honour of the Holy Face of Our Lord Jesus Christ; and in honour of Mary Mother, Divine Missionary and Evangelizer, in the Year of Our Lord Jesus Christ MMXI and first of Our Pontificate.





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Sacred Apostolic Decree of His Holiness Pope Gregory XVIII (Ginés Jesús Hernández Martínez, in the world), on the naming of his Succesor, in the presence of Bishop Father Melchisedech Mary of the Holy Face (Gary Martin Michael Beinecke, in the world), and of Bishop Father Jesus Mary (Alfredo Leonardo Villalba, in the world).

We, Gregory XVIII, Sovereign Pontiff, Vicar of Christ, Successor of Saint Peter, Servant of the servants of God, Patriarch of El Palmar de Troya, *Recéptor Christi*, Ambassador of the Most Holy Trinity, Aflame with zeal in defence of the Rights of God and of the Church.

- We, as Universal Doctor of the Church and Zealous Guardian of the House of the Lord, solemnly declare and proclaim the following:
- 1. We, with the authority of Our Lord Jesus Christ, that of Apostles Saint Peter and Saint Paul, and of Our own: THIS VERY DAY, WE NAME AS OUR SUCCESSOR IN THE CATHEDRA OF APOSTLE SAINT PETER I THE VERY GREAT, IMMEDIATELY AFTER OUR DEATH, OUR SECRETARY OF STATE, MOST REVEREND BISHOP FATHER ELISEUS MARY OF THE HOLY FACE AND OF SAINT JOSEPH (MARKUS JOSEF ODERMATT, IN THE WORLD).
- 2. The present Sacred Apostolic Decree is to be read to all the Palmarian Bishops, in a loud and clear voice, by Bishop Father Seraphim Mary of the Holy Face (Peter Francis McCann, in the world).
- 3. The present Sacred Apostolic Decree is to be sent as soon as possible to all our religiosas and to all the faithful in general of the Holy Palmarian Church.

Given in El Palmar de Troya, Apostolic See, on the 6<sup>th</sup> of March, First Wednesday of the Month, in reparation to the Most Sacred Wounds of Christ, in the Year of Our Lord Jesus Christ MMXIII, and second of Our Pontificate.





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## SACRED APOSTOLIC DECREE PRIESTLY ORDINATIONS AND EPISCOPAL CONSECRATIONS

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On the 28<sup>th</sup> of December in the year 2014, We, Gregory XVIII, conferred the Sacred Orders of the Diaconate, Presbiterate and Episcopate on the following religious members of our Order:

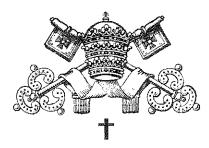
Father Eulogius Mary of the Holy Face and of Saint Pio of Pietrelcina (in the world, José David Morata Rodríguez, 32 years of age; of Spanish nationality; born in Valencia, Spain).

Father Ginés Mary of the Holy Face and of the Cross (in the world, David Mary of the Holy Face Schneiderbanger; 19 years of age, of German nationality; born in Pforzheim, Baden-Württemberg, Germany).

The ceremony of Priestly Ordination and Episcopal Consecration took place in the Cathedral-Basilica of Our Crowned Mother of El Palmar, El Palmar de Troya. We were assisted by Most Reverend Father Eliseus Mary, Reverend Father Melchisedech Mary, Father Jesus Mary, as well as by choir ministers and other assisting ministers.

Given in El Palmar de Troya, Apostolic See, on the 6<sup>th</sup>, in honour of the Epiphany of the Lord, in reparation to the Most Sacred Head of Jesus and in honour of the Sacred Family; Jesus, Mary and Joseph, January MMXV, Year of Our Lord Jesus Christ and fourth of Our Pontificate.





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## DECLARATION AS GREAT DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH OF POPE SAINT PETER II THE GREAT

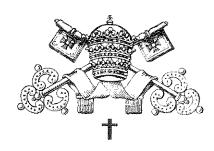
We teach that the immortal Pope Saint Peter II, *De Cruce Apocalýptica*, while Secretary of State to Pope Saint Gregory XVII the Very Great, worked for the Church under the crozier of this Glorious Pope, collaborating with Him without taking into account fatigue, study or problems. For they were both the principal columns of the Church of Christ in the spiritual desert of El Palmar de Troya. In the course of the years in which the Holy, Great, Dogmatic Palmarian Council and the Holy Dogmatic Palmarian Synod took place, this faithful Secretary of State collaborated with all his faculties and strength in the proceedings and termination of these two great events in the Church. For he was the great editor of all the transcendent doctrinal writings produced in them, naturally under the supervision and approbation of the Pope then reigning. For all those who had the happiness of dealing and working with him, the holy joy remains of having collaborated with and for a Man of God. May the Lord will that We also imitate the virtues of Our Revered Predecessor with entire fidelity, which We hope to achieve with divine help. We condemn and anathematize all that Pope Saint Gregory XVII the Very Great and Pope Saint Peter II the Great condemned and anathematized.

With the death of Pope Saint Gregory XVII the Very Great, now as Pope, he drew up and approved the magnum opus of the Palmarian History of the Church, as also the Palmarian Lives of the Saints, the Children's Grade Bible, and the Elementary and Intermediate Grade Bibles. He also revised and rearranged the Messages of El Palmar de Troya. Outstanding among his writings are his Thirty Apostolic Letters sent out to the Church to teach, correct and hearten his Flock, which he dearly loved as great Shepherd. He also brought up to date, revised and retouched different doctrinal texts; and dogmatically defined other doctrinal matters.

We declare Our Revered Predecessor, Pope Saint Peter II: Great Doctor of the Church. Illustrious Doctrinal Intellect. Most Vigorous Protector and Defender of the Holy Palmarian Christian Church.

Given in El Palmar de Troya, Apostolic See, on the 26th of July, in honour of Saint Anne, Mother of the Most Holy Virgin Mary, in the Year of Our Lord Jesus Christ MMXI and first of Our Pontificate.





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#### SACRED APOSTOLIC DECREE

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On the occasion of the Pilgrimage to El Palmar de Troya for the forthcoming 16<sup>th</sup> of July, Principal Feastday of Our Crowned Mother of El Palmar, Queen of Carmel and Universal Patroness

WE DISPOSE:

That all our Missionary Bishops from the different dioceses of the world should be in the Holy Apostolic See of El Palmar de Troya, without any delay, before the end of **the coming 14<sup>th</sup> of July**, this being the latest date. To do so, they should make their preparations for the journey in sufficient time to allow them to be here on the above date at the latest.

The Missionary Bishops will remain in this Holy Apostolic See until they receive the order to return to their respective dioceses.

This papal disposition obliges under pain of excommunication.

Given in El Palmar de Troya, Apostolic See, on the 30<sup>th</sup> of March, in honour of the Merciful Jesus and of Our Crowned Mother of El Palmar on the XLVI Anniversary of Her first Apparition in El Palmar de Troya, in the Year of Our Lord Jesus Christ MMXIV and third of Our Pontificate.





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#### Summary of Worship held during Holy Week 2014

Palmarian Holy Week in the year 2014 was celebrated with great solemnity, as the magnificent Worship in the Cathedral-Basilica of Our Crowned Mother of El Palmar counted on the attendance of a great number of faithful from different parts of the world, with the presence as well of our Missionary Bishops. But it should be stated that the absence of many others was to be noted, whom we suppose could not be present owing to unavoidable problems.

With each year that passes, the Hierarchy of the Church has increasing problems in the preparation and performance of the Worship, Processions, and so forth, which an International Pilgrimage involves. We are few, increasing in age and we count with less economic help. We do everything possible to maintain standards, ever higher, of the Glory that must be given to God, by way of Worship and its Magnificence. We need your help and collaboration.

All those who place a thousand obstacles to sacrificing themselves and be able to come to this Blessed Place, all those who do not plan their pilgrimages in time to get all possible obstacles out of the way: do you think they will persevere? Look around you and see the one who falls and apostatizes: was he a good faithful, at heart and in his deeds, or just in word?

And those who truly have insurmountable obstacles to their attending the official pilgrimages, those who act in truth before God have the obligation to make that pilgrimage in spirit. And how? Well, thinking at each moment of the day of what is being done in El Palmar, whether it will now be the Pontifical Masses..., helping economically for someone to come who does not have sufficient means, sending an envelope with their alms to be placed by another faithful in the collection basket passed around during Worship, and so forth, and thus live the true Palmarian spirit. Not letting themselves grow cold because of other perishable things.

We, Gregory XVIII, in the evening of the vigil, 19<sup>th</sup> of March, celebrated the three turns of Holy Masses on the Main Altar and bore the Most Holy Sacrament in Procession.

In the Solemn Pontifical Masses each day of Holy Week, in the opening procession, We passed through the naves of the Sacred Cathedral Shrine bearing the Sacred Tiara, upon Gestatorial Chair borne by Terciario faithful, accompanied by Our suite of Palmarian Bishops. We thank all the faithful attending for the display of loyalty and affection they gave Us, Sovereign Pontiff.

The Cathedral-Basilica of Our Crowned Mother of El Palmar, save for brief pauses, stayed open day and night, with this daily order of worship: At 1 in the morning, a turn of Holy Masses on the Main Altar and on the other Altars, with the recital of the Holy Penitential Rosary. At 10 in the morning, Most Solemn Pontifical Masses, with the recital of the Holy Trisagion. At 1 in the afternoon, Holy Masses on the Main Altar and on the other Altars with the recital of the Holy Penitential Rosary. At 6 in the evening, a turn of Holy Masses on the Main Altar and the other Altars with the recital of the Holy Viacrucis. At 9 at night, the corresponding Procession. Besides this worship, day and night there were turns of Masses and Penitential Rosaries.





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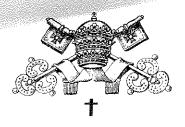
We, Gregory XVIII, at 1 at night, on several days celebrated a turn of Holy Masses on the Main Altar, and on the other days, at the same hour, the Holy Masses were celebrated by Most Reverend Father Eliseus Mary of the Holy Face. At 6 in the evening, in the solemn evening worship, We celebrated the turn of Holy Masses on the said Main Altar.

The Holy Week processions had the same order as the previous year; and likewise, in the commemoration of Resurrection Sunday, for the third consecutive year there was a Eucharistic Procession in the intimacy of the Palmarian Church Militant.

Many faithful stayed on in the Sacred Place until the 30<sup>th</sup> of March, when the XLVI Anniversary of the First Apparition in El Palmar de Troya of Our Crowned Mother of El Palmar was celebrated. We thank all the Palmarian faithful attending for their self-sacrificing participation and alms for the greater success of Sacred Worship.

El Palmar de Troya, 1st of April in the year 2014.





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## RÜCKBLICK AUF DIE GOTTESDIENSTE, DIE WÄHREND DES KARMELFESTES IM JAHRE 2014 IN EL PALMAR DE TROYA ABGEHALTEN WURDEN

Am vergangenen 16. Juli, dem Hauptfest Unserer Gekrönten Mutter von El Palmar, der Königin des Karmels und Universalen Patronin, wurden in der Kathedralbasilika an der Heiligen Apostolischen Palmarianischen Sede majestätisch und mit großer Feierlichkeit die entsprechenden Gottesdienste abgehalten, bei denen zahlreiche Gläubige aus verschiedenen Ländern anwesend waren, und es kamen auch unsere Missionsbischöfe aus den verschiedenen Diözesen der Welt.

Am Vorabend des Festes wurde der erste Turnus heiliger Messen vom hochwürdigsten Vater Eliseo Maria vom Heiligen Antlitz zelebriert, und er war der Offiziant bei der eucharistischen Prozession. Wir, Gregor XVIII., zelebrierten die heiligen Messen beim zweiten und dritten Turnus, denn aufgrund dringender Angelegenheiten mussten Wir Uns während dieses Tages außerhalb des heiligen Ortes aufhalten.

Die Gottesdienste am 16. Juli begannen um 1 Uhr nach Mitternacht mit einem Turnus heiliger Messen am Hochaltar und an den anderen Altären – Wir zelebrierten am Hochaltar –, wobei der heilige Bußrosenkranz gebetet wurde. Um 10 Uhr vormittags fand das hochfeierliche Pontifikalamt statt. Bei der Einzugsprozession zogen Wir, Gregor XVIII., auf der Sedia gestatoria in Begleitung der Bischöfe durch das Kirchenschiff der palmarianischen Kathedrale. Nachdem Wir, die heilige Tiara tragend, die Sedia gestatoria verlassen hatten, hielten Wir das rituelle Pontifikalamt, indem Wir die entsprechenden acht heiligen Messen zelebrierten, wobei das heilige Trisagio gebetet wurde, und zum Schluss erteilten Wir feierlich den apostolischen Segen. Danach zogen Wir bei der Abschiedsprozession erneut auf der Sedia gestatoria durch das Kirchenschiff des heiligen Gotteshauses, wobei Uns zugejubelt und Beifall gespendet wurde. Wir danken allen anwesenden Gläubigen für die Beweise der Zuneigung, die sie Uns erbrachten.

Um 1 Uhr nachmittags wurden am Hochaltar und an den anderen Altären Messen zelebriert. Beim feierlichen Abendgottesdienst um 6 Uhr zelebrierten Wir den Turnus heiliger Messen am Hochaltar, wobei der heilige Kreuzweg gebetet wurde. Gleichzeitig wurden an allen anderen Altären Messen zelebriert.

Um 9 Uhr abends fand die hochfeierliche Prozession mit den heiligen Imagenes Unserer Gekrönten Mutter von El Palmar und der Gekrönten Heiligen Theresia von Jesus statt. Diese Feierlichkeit wurde von Uns geleitet. Außer diesen Gottesdiensten gab es Tag und Nacht sowohl am Hochaltar als auch an anderen Altären Messturnusse, wobei der heilige Bußrosenkranz gebetet wurde.

Wir danken Gott, Unserm Herrn, und der Heiligsten Jungfrau Maria, für das feierliche Karmelfest im Jahre 2014.

El Palmar de Troya, den 20. Juli des Jahres 2014

Mit Unserem Apostolischen Segen Gregórius XVIII., P.P. Póntifex Máximus





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#### SACRED APOSTOLIC DECREE

We, Gregory XVIII, Sovereign Pontiff, Vicar of Christ, Successor of Saint Peter, Servant of the servants of God, Patriarch of El Palmar de Troya, *Recéptor Christi*, Ambassador of the Most Holy Trinity, Aflame with zeal in defence of the Rights of God and of the Church.

By reason of the Pilgrimage to El Palmar de Troya for Holy Week 2015, We ordain:

That all our Missionary Bishops from the different dioceses of the world should be in this Holy Apostolic See of El Palmar de Troya, without any delay, before the end of **the coming 12<sup>th</sup> of March**, as this is the final date. To do so, they should make preparations for their journey in sufficient time to allow them to be here, at the latest, on the above date.

The Missionary Bishops will remain at this Holy Apostolic See until they receive the order to return to their respective dioceses.

This papal disposition obliges under pain of excommunication.

Given in El Palmar de Troya, Apostolic See, on the 6<sup>th</sup>, in honour of the Epiphany of the Lord, in reparation to the Most Sacred Head of Jesus and in honour of the Sacred Family: Jesus, Mary and Joseph, January MMXV, Year of Our Lord Jesus Christ and fourth of Our Pontificate.





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# SACRED APOSTOLIC DECREE EUCHARISTIC-MARIAN CONGRESS IN IRELAND

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On the occasion of the fortieth anniversary of the Foundation of the Order of Carmelites of the Holy Face, to which we all belong,

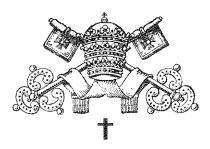
WE DISPOSE:

To celebrate in Ireland, on the 15<sup>th</sup> of May of the present year, Feast of Pentecost, the Second International Palmarian Congress in honour of the Holy Face of Our Lord Jesus Christ and of Our Crowned Mother of El Palmar, Both present Eucharistically in the Holy Sacrifice of Mass.

For this purpose We convoke all the faithful of Holy Palmarian Church from the different countries to this transcendent event, requesting Palmarian Tertiaries from the Irish diocese to help out, in the measure of their means, with lodging for those who wish to pilgrim to this religious congress.

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### SUMMARY OF WORSHIP HELD IN EL PALMAR DE TROYA AT CHRISTMAS, END OF THE YEAR 2014 AND BEGINNING OF THE YEAR 2015

For the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ on the 25<sup>th</sup> of December in the year 2014, a great number of Palmarian faithful came from different nations to this Sacred Place to be present on so important a day at the Cathedral-Basilica of Our Crowned Mother of El Palmar. From the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ until the end of the year, many more faithful gradually arrived and many of them stayed on in this Blessed Place until after the 6<sup>th</sup> of January in the year 2015, Feast of the Epiphany. All our Missionary Bishops were also present on the occasion of this international pilgrimage.

We, on the night of the 24<sup>th</sup> to the 25<sup>th</sup> of December, at exactly 12 midnight and following a peal of all the bells, celebrated a turn of Holy Masses on the Main Altar in honour of the Divine Child Jesus and of the Most Holy Virgin Mary, while Holy Masses were celebrated on the other Altars of the Cathedral by the members of the Episcopal College, so as thus to commemorate the Night of the Birth of the Child God and the Virginal Delivery of the Divine Mary. To all those who attended the four complete turns of Holy Masses at which Holy Communion was administered on that day in this Sacred Place, We granted permission to communicate in each one of them.

On the 28<sup>th</sup> of December, at 11 in the morning, there was a ceremony of two Ordinations and Episcopal Consecrations, which all the faithful who found themselves on that date in El Palmar could attend.

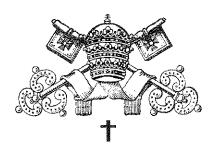
With all the splendour and solemnity possible that characterize Sacred Palmarian Worship, on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January last, the worship for the end of the year and beginning of the new year was celebrated in the Cathedral-Basilica of Our Crowned Mother of El Palmar.

We, Gregory XVIII, on the eve of the feast, celebrated the three turns of Holy Masses on the Main Altar in the Sacred Basilica and officiated at the Eucharistic Procession.

At 1.00 in the morning on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January, We celebrated the first turn of Holy Masses on the Main Altar, with the recital of the Holy Penitential Rosary. At the same time, on the other Altars, the Bishops of the Sacred Episcopal College celebrated Holy Masses.

At 10 in the morning were the Most Solemn Pontifical Masses. In the opening procession, We, Gregory XVIII, on Gestatorial Chair and bearing the Sacred Tiara, passed through the naves of the Palmarian Cathedral accompanied by Our retinue of Bishops. Next, We celebrated the eight Holy Masses corresponding to the Pontifical, with the recital of the Holy Trisagion, and at the end of them We solemnly imparted the Apostolic Blessing. During the Pontifical, We raised two Terciarias of our Order to the Dignity of the Glory of the Altars. Afterwards, on Gestatorial Chair, in the farewell procession, We again passed through the naves of the Sacred Shrine. We thank all the faithful attending for the great show of affection and veneration they dispensed to Us at all times.





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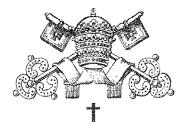


At 1 in the afternoon, We celebrated a turn of Holy Masses on the Altar of Christ the King. At the same time, Masses were celebrated on the Main Altar and other Altars. At 6 in the evening, in the solemn evening worship, We celebrated the turn of Holy Masses on the Main Altar, with the recital of the Holy Viacrucis. And at the same time Masses were celebrated on the other Altars. At 9 at night was the Most Solemn Procession with the sacred *imágenes* of Our Crowned Mother of El Palmar and Most Holy Crowned Saint Joseph of El Palmar, ceremony over which We, Vicar of Christ, presided. Besides this worship, there were turns of Masses day and night with the recital of the Holy Penitential Rosary.

We give thanks to God and His Most Holy Mother for the serenity, magnificence and splendour with which everything related to sacred worship was celebrated. May it all be for greater Divine Honour and Glory.

El Palmar de Troya, 6th of January in the year 2015.





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#### PILGERFAHRT ZUR HEILIGEN SEDE ANLÄSSLICH DER HEILIGEN WOCHE IM JAHRE 2015

Wir, Gregor XVIII., Höchster Pontifex, Stellvertreter Christi, Nachfolger des heiligen Peter, Diener der Diener Gottes, Patriarch von El Palmar de Troya, Recéptor Christi, Bote der Heiligsten Dreifaltigkeit, entflammt vom Eifer zur Verteidigung der Rechte Gottes und der Kirche.

Wir rufen alle Gläubigen der Einen, Heiligen, Katholischen, Apostolischen und Palmarianischen Kirche auf, anlässlich der hochfeierlichen Gottesdienste in der Heiligen Woche des Jahres 2015 hingebungsvoll zur Kathedralbasilika Unserer Gekrönten Mutter von El Palmar zu pilgern, was durch Gebet und Buße gekennzeichnet sein soll. Die Heilige Woche beginnt am Freitag, dem 20. März, zum Gedenken an den Palmsonntag, und endet am Freitag, dem 27. März, zum Gedenken an den Auferstehungssonntag.

Die Prozessionen in der Heiligen Woche werden also in dieser Reihenfolge stattfinden: Zum Gedenken an den Palmsonntag: Unser Gegeißelter und Dornengekrönter Vater Jesus und Unsere auf geistige Weise Gegeißelte und Dornengekrönte Mutter. Zum Gedenken an den Heiligen Montag: Unser Vater Jesus mit dem Kreuz auf der Schulter und Unsere Mutter voller Bitternis. Zum Gedenken an den Heiligen Dienstag: der Heiligste Christus von El Palmar, das Licht der Welt, und Unsere Schmerzvolle Mutter von El Palmar, der Morgenstern. Zum Gedenken an den Heiligen Mittwoch: Christus der Wiedergutmacher und Maria die Mitwiedergutmacherin. Zum Gedenken an den Heiligen Donnerstag: Christus der Ewige Hohepriester und Christus der Erlöser, Maria die Miterlöserin und der heilige Evangelist Johannes (wie am Kalvarienberg). Zum Gedenken an den Heiligen Freitag: der Hochheilige im Grab liegende Christus und Unsere Mutter mit dem Leichnam Christi auf dem Schoß. An diesem Tag ziehen bei der Prozession auch das Hochheilige Jesuskind von El Palmar von der Heiligen Palmarianischen Sede und der Hochheilige Verzeihende Christus von der Heiligen Palmarianischen Sede aus. Zum Gedenken an den Heiligen Samstag: der Hochheilige Auferstandene Christus und Unsere Mutter von der Morgenröte (Aurora). Zum Gedenken an den Auferstehungssonntag: die feierliche eucharistische Prozession mit der kostbaren Monstranz auf einer Trage, die von vier Bischöfen getragen wird. Diese Prozession wird nicht von der Musikkapelle begleitet werden, sondern man wird im Kreise der Gläubigen der Kirche eucharistische Lieder singen. Während der eucharistischen Prozession werden außer dem rituellen »Tantum ergo« eucharistische Lieder auf Spanisch gesungen, die von den Priestern des Chores angestimmt werden, und die Lieder auf Deutsch und Englisch werden von den Gläubigen angestimmt, wenn sie angewiesen werden.

Meine lieben Kinder, Gott unser Herr bittet euch um eine neue Anstrengung, damit ihr großzügig der Einladung des palmarianischen Höchsten Pontifex entsprecht, dessen Stimme die größte Aufmerksamkeit verdient, weil sie die Stimme Gottes ist. Die Pilgerreise bringt zwar fast immer ein großes Opfer für die Pilger mit sich, aber gerade das ist es, was sie von einer Vergnügungsreise unterscheidet. Die Pilgerfahrt ist für den, der sie in der wahren Gesinnung hinsichtlich des heiligen Gottesdienstes unternimmt, eine höchst heilige und verdienstvolle Handlung, denn das Gebet, das Opfer und die Buße sind die grundlegenden und unerlässlichen Bestandteile einer wahren religiösen Pilgerfahrt.

Doch wie ihr aus Erfahrung wisst, meine lieben Gläubigen, werden dann die Opfer derer, die zur heiligen Kathedralbasilika Unserer Gekrönten Mutter von El Palmar pilgern, von Gott, unserm Herrn, durch besondere Gnaden reichlich vergolten, denn die göttliche Großzügigkeit übertrifft die menschliche





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unendlich. Deshalb wird jedes armselige Opfer, das ihr aus Liebe zu Gott bringt, von Ihm großherzig vergolten. Oh!, meine lieben Gläubigen, wie schön und tröstend für die Seele ist doch für einen wahren Pilger sein Aufenthalt am heiligen Ort in El Palmar, wenn auch nur für kurze Zeit! Wie oft fühlt doch die Seele hier mit merklicher Sanftheit das erhabene Schlagen der Heiligsten Herzen Jesu und Mariens! Dieses höchst bevorrechtete Stück Land ist der Christkönigsberg, der Karmelberg dieser Letzten Zeiten, die Apostolische Sede der von Unserem Herrn Jesus Christus gegründeten Kirche; und es ist letzten Endes der Vorsaal des Himmels.

Meine lieben Gläubigen, kommt daher oft nach El Palmar! Und kommt ganz besonders zu den offiziellen Pilgerfesten! Es ist sehr wichtig, dass die Palmargläubigen der verschiedenen Diözesen der Welt zur palmarianischen Basilika kommen, um vor der Welt lebendiges Zeugnis für die Universalität der Heiligen Mutter Kirche abzulegen. Durch euer Zusammensein werdet ihr euch gegenseitig mehr im Glauben stärken. Vergesst nicht, dass wir als Mitglieder der Streitenden Kirche im Mystischen Leib Christi eine einzige Seele, ein einziges Fleisch und ein einziges Blut bilden. Es ist also sehr notwendig, dass ihr noch öfter in El Palmar zusammenlebt. Auf diese Weise werdet ihr das erhabene Geheimnis der göttlichen und blutsverwandtschaftlichen Brüderlichkeit im Blut Christi und Mariens, die unter den Mitgliedern der Kirche im Gnadenstand besteht, besser begreifen.

So Gott will, wird die Palmarianische Heilige Woche 2015 äußerst prachtvoll sein. Denn inmitten der großen Schwierigkeiten, die es bei jedem Werk Gottes gibt, unternehmen wir alles bis zum Unmöglichen, damit der Gottesdienst noch mehr erstrahlt und in dieser verdorbenen Welt, die sich dem Materialismus hingibt und ihn lauthals proklamiert, ein immer helleres Licht sei. Seht wie Satan seine ruchlosen Anhänger inspiriert, damit ihm die Ehre erwiesen werde, die nur Gott gebührt! In der aktuellen Welt ist alles bereit für den Fürsten der Finsternis. Der Materialismus in seinen vielfachen Manifestationen ist der dreiste und abwegige Beweis für den universalen Satanskult. Welch unabschätzbare Scharen widmen sich doch heutzutage auf der Welt höllischen Werken! Und niemand beklagt sich über solch abscheuliche Geldverschwendungen, denn das wird sogar von einer großen Mehrheit gern gesehen. Wie viele Hindernisse, Kritiken und Verfolgungen gibt es jedoch für uns, die wir all unseren Eifer für die heiligen Werke aufwenden! Meine lieben Gläubigen, seid daher jeden Tag großzügiger mit der Kirche. Wir, die Palmarianer, sind die Einzigen, die Gott, unserm Herrn, wahre Ehre erweisen können, denn außerhalb der wahren Kirche ist jede Art von Ehrerweisung an Satan gerichtet.

O meine lieben Gläubigen, es ist notwenig, dass ihr euch gegenseitig anregt, damit an den Pilgerfahrten zur heiligen Kathedralbasilika in El Palmar immer mehr Leute teilnehmen. Es ist eine Pflicht der bereitwilligsten Gläubigen, die Nachzügler anzuregen und zu versuchen sie zu bewegen, und sogar die Bedürftigen finanziell zu unterstützen, damit sie öfter an diesen heiligen Ort kommen. Ihr könnt sicher sein, dass jedem, der wirklich den Wunsch hat, bei jeder Pilgerfahrt zu kommen, Gott, unser Herr, und die Heiligste Jungfrau Maria, unsere Mutter, die Schwierigkeiten beheben werden, damit er es tun

Macht euch dieses ganz besondere Heilige Jahr zunutze. In diesem Jahr werden vierzig Jahre vollendet, seitdem der Karmeliterorden vom Heiligen Antlitz in Gesellschaft Jesu und Mariens gegründet wurde. Vierzig Jahre, in denen der Orden, der gegründet wurde, um den wahren Geist des Karmels, der in der Römischen Kirche aufgrund ihrer Apostasie und Pflichtverletzung verschwand, wiederherzustellen, von der Welt ignoriert wird. Vierzig Jahre, in denen dieser heilige Orden, der gegründet wurde, um die wahre Kirche zu unterstützen und zu verteidigen, in der Wüste wandelt und von Feinden aller Art





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bekämpft wird. Vierzig Jahre, in denen er bei den verschiedenen Kämpfen gegen die Welt und Satan siegreich hervorgeht!

Nutzt dieses Heilige Jahr, um für diesen heiligen Orden zu bitten, für die Heilige Mutter Kirche, um eure Beharrlichkeit und die Beharrlichkeit der Eurigen, um den Triumph der Heiligsten Herzen Jesu und Mariens und um die baldige Errichtung des Heiligen Palmarianischen Reiches. Es ist sehr notwendig, dass Gott, unser Herr, Seine Herrschaft vorrückt, denn die Weltlage wird sowohl auf materieller als auch auf geistlicher Ebene immer chaotischer. Die Anhänger des Teufels werden immer mächtiger und ruchloser. Sie schmieden immer mehr Ränke, um uns einzeln und gemeinsam zu Fall zu bringen, denn sie haben all die nötige Zeit und Unterstützung. Im ersten Brief des heiligen Peter heißt es fast am Ende: »Wachet stets, da der Teufel, euer Widersacher, um euch herumschleicht wie ein brüllender Löwe, der die Beute sucht, um sie zu verschlingen. Leistet ihm durch Standhaftigkeit im Glauben Widerstand, denn ihr wisst, dass eure auf der Welt verteilten Brüder die gleichen Widerwärtigkeiten erleiden. Gott Vater, der Geber aller Gnaden, der uns durch Seinen Göttlichen Sohn Jesus Christus für Seine ewige Herrlichkeit berufen hat, wird euch nämlich durch eure Leiden vervollkommnen, stärken und mehr in der Tugend festigen.«

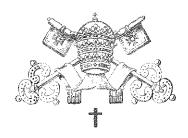
Doch es wird nicht immer so sein, wir können auf die Verheißung Christi zählen: »Ich sage dir, du bist Peter, der Fels, und auf diesem Felsen werde Ich Meine Kirche bauen und die Pforten der Hölle werden sie nicht überwältigen. Dir werde Ich die Schlüssel des Himmelreiches geben. Alles, was du auf Erden bindest, wird im Himmel gebunden sein, und alles, was du auf Erden lösest, wird auch im Himmel "Schlüssel des Himmelreiches. Alles, was du auf Erden bindest, wird im Himmel gebunden sein, und alles, was du auf Erden lösest, wird auch im Himmel gelöst sein. « Es nähern sich leidvolle Zeiten, seid wachsam und vernachlässigt es nicht, eure Seele zu erwärmen. Nutzt alle Gelegenheiten, die ihr habt, um euer Herz in Liebe zu Gott zu entflammen. Verankert euren Geist, euren Glauben, im wahren heiligen Gelände der Kirche und bittet inständig um eure Beharrlichkeit für die bevorstehenden Zeiten. Jeder Einzelne ist für seine Werke, für sein Heil, verantwortlich. Schenkt dem Vater der Lüge kein Gehör, hört nicht auf seine Versuchungen und schreitet voran, koste es, was es wolle, falle, wer fallen mag.

Dieses Jahr sollt ihr auch inständig um Priester- und Ordensberufungen bitten. Wie ihr seht, sind wir nur wenige Religiosos und Religiosas, doch die Ernte und die Arbeiten in der Kirche sind reichlich. »Die Ernte ist wahrhaftig groß, die Arbeiter sind jedoch wenige. Bittet daher den Herrn der Ernte, dass Er Arbeiter sende, die Seine Ernte einbringen. « Empfangt Unseren Segen.

Gegeben in El Palmar de Troya, der Apostolischen Sede, am 6. Januar, zu Ehren der Erscheinung des Herrn, zur Sühne an das Heiligste Haupt Jesu und zu Ehren der Heiligen Familie: Jesus, Maria und Josef, im Jahre MMXV nach Unserem Herrn Jesus Christus und vierten Jahr Unseres Pontifikats.

Mit Unserem Apostolischen Segen Gregórius XVIII., P.P. Póntifex Máximus





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## Pilgrimage to the Sacred Place of El Palmar de Troya on the 16<sup>th</sup> of July in the year 2015 FEAST OF CARMEL

We. Gregory XVIII. Sovereign Pontiff, Vicar of Christ. Successor of Saint Peter, Servant of the servants of God. Patriarch of El Palmar de Troya. *Recéptor Christi*. Ambassador of the Most Holy Trinity, Aflame with zeal in defence of the Rights of God and of the Church.

With great vehemence We invite and exhort all the faithful of the One, Holy, Catholic, Apostolic and Palmarian Church to be present in fervent penitential and holy pilgrimage at the Cathedral-Basilica of Our Crowned Mother of El Palmar on the coming 16<sup>th</sup> of July. on the occasion of the Most Solemn Worship of the Principal Feast of Our Crowned Mother of El Palmar, Queen of Carmel and Universal Patroness.

With great enthusiasm we should all long for the arrival of this cherished day, anniversary of the foundation of the Order of Mount Carmel by the Most Holy Virgin Mary in Her apparition to the Prophet Saint Elias on the 16<sup>th</sup> of July in the year 4280 of Creation. Centuries later, on the 16<sup>th</sup> of July in the year 31, Our Lord Jesus Christ, during His public life, exalted this Order yet further by constituting the two first Christian Communities of Carmelite religious, made up of His disciples and of the Divine Mary's disciplesses, who were the pious women. In time, the Order of Carmel became lax. Hence, by express order of Christ Himself, the Mystical Doctress of Ávila, Saint Teresa of Jesus, whose five hundredth anniversary of her birth was this last 28<sup>th</sup> of March, reformed it, re-establishing the ancient observance in the Order.

Because of the general apostasy of these Last Times, laxness penetrated into all existing religious orders, with complete devastation and annihilation of their true spirit. However, to give continuity to the religious life, Our Lord Jesus Christ and the Most Holy Virgin Mary, on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of December 1975, constituted the Order of Carmelites of the Holy Face in Company of Jesus and Mary, whose Founder and Superior General was Pope Saint Gregory XVII the Very Great.

Remember that all of us, being children of the One. Holy, Catholic, Apostolic and Palmarian Church, are also members, each in his branch, of the sublime Order of Carmel, Mother of all the other religious orders which have existed. For the Order of Carmelites of the Holy Face in Company of Jesus and Mary is not just the sole continuator of the Order of Mount Carmel, but also the one which contains the spirit of all the other Religious Orders founded in the course of the Church's history.

And as the primitive Order of Mount Carmel had the mission of preparing the First Coming of Christ as Messias. the Order of Carmelites of the Holy Face has the mission of preparing the Second Coming of Christ as Judge. at which event He will also establish the Messianic Kingdom on Earth. All of us, therefore, as members of the Order of Carmelites of the Holy Face, are the Marian Apostles of the Last Times, also called Crossbearers.

We know that you are not unaware of what I have just told you regarding the Order of Carmel, beloved Palmarian faithful; yet I again bring it to your minds as a point of reflection, so that you may appreciate yet further the greatness of your status of Carmelite members; and at the same time so that as such you may feel more deeply responsible in the fulfilment of your duties. For to belong to the Order of Carmelites of the Holy Face implies greater demands in your daily life and a greater commitment to Holy Mother Church.

Do not go too far in fearing the enemies of the soul, fear and fear greatly the loss of trust in God, true love of God, passion in defence of His rights and valour in defence of our Faith and perseverance before whomever and wherever. Out of human respect, out of that fear of 'what will they say of me', out of condescension to the enemy world and shame lest they call us "odd", many fall and are falling, now with the greatest ease, in the same things, breaking the same norms, gradually taking these situations as something normal, not giving them importance, coming to criticize, and almost





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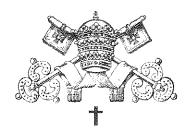
certainly, afterwards, going on to silencing their conscience and apostatizing. You are observing apostasies in children, relations, friends or acquaintances. And We ask you if their behaviour regarding the Faith they professed was correct? So why are we surprised then? It is painful to see apostasies, but they should serve us to further increase our commitment to and fulfilment of everything that Holy Mother Church disposes and ordains.

Come then, setting excuses aside, to render the Queen and Mother of Carmel Her due filial homage of thanksgiving and petition for special Graces. Do not forget that you can avail yourselves of this Holy Year we are in, and can gain very special Indulgences. Take part in the pilgrimage for the coming 16<sup>th</sup> of July, and participate in the Most Solemn Worship in the Cathedral-Basilica of Our Crowned Mother of El Palmar, rendering to Our Lord Jesus Christ the honour and glory He deserves.

Likewise, We ask you that, in the measure of your means, you co-operate with your generous alms in the maintenance of Sacred Worship and for us to be able to continue with the work we are doing in the Cathedral-Basilica, for the greater splendour of the Palmarian Christian Church.

Given in El Palmar de Troya, Apostolic See, on the 5<sup>th</sup>, in honour of the Jesus Divine Treasure, April MMXV, Year of Our Lord Jesus Christ and fourth of Our Pontificate.





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#### SUMMARY OF WORSHIP CELEBRATED DURING HOLY WEEK 2015

Palmarian Holy Week this year 2015 was celebrated with great solemnity, given that the splendid Worship in the Cathedral-Basilica of Our Crowned Mother of El Palmar, ever more beautiful and richly decorated, counted with the attendance of a great number of faithful from different parts of the world, with our Missionary Bishops present as well. But we say over again that the absence of many others was to be noted, who we suppose could not be present owing to unavoidable problems. And we say that we suppose, because there have been cases in which some have left appointments with doctors and so forth for these dates. Perhaps by making the effort to better plan holidays, work permissions, by speaking to the boss offering alternatives, and so forth, they would be able to be in this Sacred Place on such important days as the international pilgrimages. Or is it perhaps that we are becoming easy-going and want to avoid problems?

Last year, in the summary of Holy Week 2014, we told you: "that with each year that passes, the Hierarchy of the Church has increasing problems in the preparation and performance of the Worship, Processions, and so forth, which an International Pilgrimage involves. We are few, increasing in age and we count with less economic help. We do everything possible to maintain standards, ever higher, of the Glory that must be given to God, by way of Worship and its Magnificence. We need your help and collaboration." This year already, some elderly friars, who needed the help of another friar to be able to go out in the evening Procession, had to stay inside the Basilica saying together the prayers assigned to them. For other pilgrimages we will go on adapting Worship with more help from the faithful. And we repeat for you something we also told you in last year's summary: "All those who place a thousand obstacles to sacrificing themselves and be able to come to this Blessed Place, all those who do not plan their pilgrimages in time to get all possible obstacles out of the way: do you think they will persevere? Look around you and see the one who falls and apostatizes: was he a good faithful, at heart and in his deeds, or just in word?" Don't say afterwards that you weren't warned of the danger and told off for your lack of responsiveness.

And we also told you, and thus we further hammer home your obligations, that: "Those who truly have insurmountable obstacles to their attending the official pilgrimages, those who act in truth before God have the obligation to make that pilgrimage in spirit. And how? Well, by thinking at each moment of the day of what is being done in El Palmar, whether it will now be the Pontifical Masses..., helping economically for someone to come who does not have sufficient means, sending an envelope with their alms to be placed by another faithful in the collection basket passed around during worship, and so forth, and thus live the true Palmarian spirit. Not letting themselves grow cold because of other perishable things."

We, Gregory XVIII, in the evening of the vigil, 19<sup>th</sup> of March, celebrated two turns of Holy Masses on the Main Altar and bore the Most Holy Sacrament in Procession.

In the Solemn Pontifical Masses each day of Holy Week, in the opening procession, We passed through the naves of the Sacred Cathedral Shrine bearing the Sacred Tiara, upon Gestatorial Chair borne by Terciario faithful, accompanied by Our suite of Palmarian Bishops. We thank all the faithful attending for the display of warmth and affection they gave Us, Sovereign Pontiff.





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The Cathedral-Basilica of Our Crowned Mother of El Palmar, save for brief pauses, remained open day and night, with this daily order of worship: At 1 in the morning, a turn of Holy Masses on the Main Altar and on the other Altars, with the recital of the Holy Penitential Rosary. At 10 in the morning, Most Solemn Pontifical Masses, with the recital of the Holy Trisagion. At 1 in the afternoon, Holy Masses on the Main Altar and on the other Altars with the recital of the Holy Penitential Rosary. At 6 in the evening, a turn of Holy Masses on the Main Altar and the other Altars, with the recital of the Holy Viacrucis. At 9 at night, the corresponding Procession. Besides this worship, day and night there were turns of Masses and Penitential Rosaries.

We, Gregory XVIII, at 1 at night, on several days celebrated a turn of Holy Masses on the Main Altar, and on the other days, at the same hour, the Holy Masses were celebrated by Most Reverend Father Eliseo Maria of the Holy Face. At 6 in the evening, in the solemn evening worship, We celebrated the turn of Holy Masses on that same Main Altar.

The Holy Week processions had the same order as the previous year; and likewise, in the commemoration of Resurrection Sunday there was a Eucharistic Procession in the intimacy of the Palmarian Church Militant.

A large number of faithful stayed on in the Sacred Place until the 30<sup>th</sup> of March, when the XLVII Anniversary of the First Apparition in El Palmar de Troya of Our Crowned Mother of El Palmar was celebrated. We thank all the Palmarian faithful attending for their participation and alms towards the greater success of Sacred Worship.

El Palmar de Troya, 5<sup>th</sup> of April in the year 2015.





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#### SACRED APOSTOLIC DECREE

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ON THE OCCASION OF THE PILGRIMAGE TO EL PALMAR DE TROYA FOR THE FORTHCOMING 16<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY, PRINCIPAL FEASTDAY OF OUR CROWNED MOTHER OF EL PALMAR, QUEEN OF CARMEL AND UNIVERSAL PATRONESS

#### WE DISPOSE:

That all our Missionary Bishops from the different dioceses of the world should be in the Holy Apostolic See of El Palmar de Troya, without any delay, before the end of **the coming 14**th **of July**, this being the latest date. To do so, they should make their preparations for the journey in sufficient time to allow them to be here on the above date at the latest.

The Missionary Bishops will remain in this Holy Apostolic See until they receive the order to return to their respective dioceses.

This papal disposition obliges under pain of excommunication.

Given in El Palmar de Troya, Apostolic See, on the 5<sup>th</sup>, in honour of Jesus, Divine Treasure, April MMXV, Year of Our Lord Jesus Christ and fourth of Our Pontificate.





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ON THE OCCASION OF THE PILGRIMAGE TO EL PALMAR DE TROYA FOR THE COMING 12<sup>TH</sup> AND 13<sup>TH</sup> OF OCTOBER, FEAST OF OUR CROWNED MOTHER OF EL PALMAR, ILLUMINATRIX OF THE HOLY PALMARIAN COUNCILS; AND OF CORPUS CHRISTI, RESPECTIVELY:

WE ORDAIN:

That all our Missionary Bishops from the different dioceses of the world should be in the Holy Apostolic See of El Palmar de Troya, without any delay, before the end of **the coming 4**th of **October**, as this is the final date. To do so, they should make preparations for their journey in sufficient time to allow them to be here at the latest on the date given above.

The Missionary Bishops will remain in this Holy Apostolic See until they receive the order to return to their respective dioceses.

This Papal disposition obliges under pain of excommunication.

Given in El Palmar de Troya, Apostolic See, on the 19th, in honour of Most Holy High Priest Melchisedech, who is Christ, and in honour of the Most Precious Blood of Jesus, July MMXV, Year of Our Lord Jesus Christ and fifth of Our Pontificate.





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#### SUMMARY OF WORSHIP CELEBRATED IN EL PALMAR DE TROYA DURING THE FEAST OF CARMEL IN THE YEAR 2015

With the solemnity which characterizes the official international pilgrimages, on this last 16<sup>th</sup> of July, the worship corresponding to the Principal Feast of Our Crowned Mother of El Palmar, Queen of Carmel and Universal Patroness, was celebrated in the Cathedral-Basilica of the Palmarian Holy Apostolic See, attended by a good number of faithful from different parts of the world, and to which our Missionary Bishops from the different dioceses of the world also came.

On the eve of the feast, We, Gregory XVIII, in the Sacred Basilica, celebrated the three turns of Holy Masses on the Main Altar and officiated at the Eucharistic Procession.

The worship for the 16<sup>th</sup> of July began at 1 in the morning with a turn of Holy Masses on the Main Altar, at which We officiated, and on the other Altars, with the recital of the Holy Penitential Rosary. At 10 in the morning were the Holy Pentifical Masses. In the opening procession, We, Gregory XVIII, on gestatorial chair, passed through the naves of the Palmarian Cathedral Temple accompanied by Our retinue of Bishops. After leaving the gestatorial chair, and wearing the Sacred Tiara, We continued with the rite of the Pentifical, celebrating the corresponding eight Holy Masses with the recital of the Holy Trisagion, and at their end solemnly imparted the Apostolic Blessing. During the Pentifical, We raised to the Glory of the Altars one *terciaria* and one *terciario*, members of the Order of Carmelites of the Holy Face in Company of Jesus and Mary. Afterwards, upon gestatorial chair, in the farewell procession, We again passed through the naves of the Sacred Temple amid acclamations and applause. We thank all the faithful attending for the display of affection they gave Us.

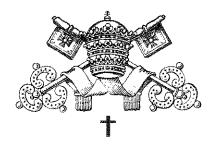
At 1 in the afternoon, Masses were celebrated on the Main Altar and on the other Altars. At 6 pm, in the solemn evening worship, We celebrated the turn of Holy Masses on the Main Altar, with the recital of the Holy Viacrucis. And at the same time Masses were celebrated on all the other Altars.

At 9 at night took place the Most Solemn Procession with the Sacred *Imágenes* of Our Crowned Mother of El Palmar and of Crowned Saint Teresa of Jesus, worship presided over by Us. Besides all this worship, day and night there were turns of Masses, both on the Main Altar as on other Altars, with the recital of the Holy Penitential Rosary.

We give thanks to God Our Lord, and to the Most Holy Virgin Mary, for the magnificence and solemnity in the worship on the Feast of Carmel in the year 2015.

El Palmar de Troya, 19th of July in the year 2015





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## PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY SEE FOR HOLY WEEK OF THE YEAR 2015

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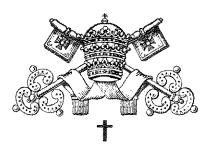
We call all the faithful children of the Church, One, Holy, Catholic, Apostolic and Palmarian, to come on fervent pilgrimage of prayer and penance to the Cathedral-Basilica of Our Crowned Mother of El Palmar, on the occasion of the Most Solemn Worship of Holy Week in the year 2015, which will begin on Friday the 20<sup>th</sup> of March, in commemoration of Palm Sunday and will end on Friday the 27<sup>th</sup> of March, in commemoration of Resurrection Sunday.

Thus the processions of Holy Week will have the following order: In commemoration of Palm Sunday, Our Father Jesus Scourged and Crowned with Thorns; and Our Mother Spiritually Scourged and Crowned with Thorns. In commemoration of Holy Monday, Our Father Jesus bearing the Cross; and Our Mother of Bitter Sorrow. In commemoration of Holy Tuesday, Most Holy Christ of El Palmar, Light of the World; and Our Sorrowful Mother of El Palmar, Morning Star. In commemoration of Holy Wednesday, Christ Reparator, and Mary Coreparatrix. In commemoration of Holy Thursday, Christ Eternal High Priest; and Christ Redeemer, Mary Coredemptrix and Saint John the Evangelist (Calvary). In commemoration of Holy Friday, Most Holy Recumbent Christ; and Our Mother of the Pietà. Also on this day, the Most Holy Child Jesus of El Palmar of the Holy Palmarian See and the Most Holy Christ of Pardon of the Holy Palmarian See go out in Procession. In commemoration of Holy Saturday, Most Holy Risen Christ; and Our Mother of the Dawn. In commemoration of Resurrection Sunday, Solemn Eucharistic Procession with Precious Monstrance on a portable float borne by four Bishops. The Music Band will not accompany this Procession; rather it will be accompanied by Eucharistic hymns in the intimacy of the faithful of the Church. During the Eucharistic Procession, apart from the mandatory "Tantum Ergos", eucharistic hymns will be sung in Spanish, intoned by the Choir Ministers, and in German and English, intoned by the faithful at the designated moments.

My dear children: God Our Lord requests of you a new effort to respond generously to the call of the Palmarian Sovereign Pontiff, whose voice is worthy of the closest attention, being the very voice of God. Surely it is true that a pilgrimage almost always involves a great sacrifice for the pilgrims; but this is precisely what sets it apart from a mere journey for pleasure. A pilgrimage is an eminently holy act, and meritorious for whoever makes one in accord with the true spirit of Sacred Worship; for prayer, sacrifice and penance are the basic and indispensable elements of a true religious pilgrimage.

However, as you know by experience, my dear faithful, the sacrifices of those who pilgrim to the Sacred Cathedral-Basilica of Our Crowned Mother of El Palmar are later highly recompensed by God, Our Lord, by way of special Graces; for divine generosity infinitely surpasses the human. Therefore, any poor sacrifice of yours for love of God meets up with a magnanimous response from Him. Oh! My dear faithful!





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How beautiful and spiritually refreshing for a true pilgrim is his stay in the Sacred Place of El Palmar, though it be for a short time! How many times does the soul feel the sublime beating of the Most Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary here! This very privileged Plot of Land is the Mount of Christ the King, the Mount Carmel of these Last Times, the Holy Apostolic See of the Church founded by Our Lord Jesus Christ; and is, all in all, Heaven's Antechamber.

So then, my dear faithful, come frequently to El Palmar! And in a special way, come on the official pilgrimages! It is very important that the Palmarian faithful from the different dioceses of the world gather at the Palmarian Basilica as a living testimony to the world of the universality of Holy Mother Church. By way of your coexistence together, you fortify one another further in the Faith. Do not forget that, as members we all are of the Church Militant, we form one single soul, one single flesh and one single blood in Christ's Mystical Body. It is, then, very necessary that you live together in El Palmar with yet more frequency; by this means you will come in a more lively way to penetrate into the sublime mystery of the divine and consanguineous fraternity in the Bloods of Christ and Mary existing between the members of the Church in the state of Grace.

God willing, Palmarian Holy Week 2015 will be sovereignly magnificent. For in the midst of the great difficulties which accompany all God's works, we do even the impossible so that divine worship may shine forth with greater intensity, and be an ever more powerful light in this corrupt world, which lives in and proclaims out loud its materialism. See how Satan inspires his infamous partisans so that they give him the worship which is to be rendered solely to God! In today's world, everything goes to favour the Prince of Darkness. Materialism, in its various manifestations, is the most shameless and aberrant proof of the universal worship of Satan. What countless numbers dedicate themselves today in the world to infernal activities! And no one complains at such abominable financial outpourings; for they are, moreover, well regarded by a great majority. And nevertheless, how much obstruction, criticism and persecution for those of us who place our whole drive in holy activities! Hence, my dear faithful, be every day more generous towards the Church. We, the Palmarians, are the only ones who can give true worship to God Our Lord; for outside the true Church, any kind of worship is always to Satan.

O my dear faithful: it is needful that you enthuse one another, so that Pilgrimages to the Sacred Cathedral-Basilica of El Palmar be ever more thronged. It is the duty of the more forward faithful to encourage and endeavour to move the more lagging, and including help the needy so that they frequent this Sacred Place more often. Be quite sure that God Our Lord and the Most Holy Virgin Mary, our Mother, will smooth away the difficulties for whoever truly wants to come on each pilgrimage so that he can do so.

Make good use of a Holy Year as special as this. It will be forty years since the Order of Carmelites of the Holy Face in Company of Jesus and Mary was founded. Forty years in which the Order founded to restore the true spirit of Carmel, fallen in the roman church owing to its apostasy and prevarication, is unknown to the world. Forty years in which this Holy Order, founded to champion and defend the True Church, goes about the desert combated by every kind of enemy. Forty years coming out victorious from the different combats against the world and Satan!

Make use of this Holy Year to pray for this Holy Order, for Holy Mother Church, for your own perseverance and that of your kin, for the triumph of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary and for the swift





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establishment of the Sacred Palmarian Empire. It is very necessary that God Our Lord bring forward His Reign, since the world situation, both materially as well as spiritually, is ever more chaotic. The followers of the evil one are ever more powerful and godless. They are ever placing more snares so as to make us fall, individually and collectively, as they have all the time and support they need. In the First Letter of Saint Peter, towards the end, he says: "Be ever on the watch, since the devil, your adversary, like a roaring lion prowls about you seeking prey to devour. Resist him steadfast in the Faith, knowing that your brethren scattered throughout the world suffer like trials; because God the Father, giver of all Grace, Who called us to His eternal glory through His Divine Son Jesus Christ, by your suffering will perfect, strengthen and consolidate you further in virtue."

But it will not be always so, for we count with Christ's promise: "I say to you that you are Peter and upon this Rock I will build My Church, and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against Her. To you I will give the Keys of the Kingdom of Heaven, and whatever you shall bind on Earth shall be bound in Heaven; and whatever you shall loose on Earth shall also be loosed in Heaven." Whoever is with the Pope is on the side of the "goodies", of the winners, since He has "the Keys of the Kingdom of Heaven, and whatever you shall bind on Earth shall be bound in Heaven; and whatever you shall loose on Earth shall also be loosed in Heaven." Times of trial are approaching, so be on the watch and do not neglect to warm up your soul. Make use of all the opportunities you have to inflame your heart with love for God. Anchor your spirit, your Faith, in the true holy beaches of the Church, and pray intensely for your perseverance in the times to come. Each one is responsible for his acts, for his salvation. Do not listen to the father of lies, do not give ear to his temptations, and carry on ahead, cost what it might and fall who may.

This year as well you should pray intensely for priestly and religious vocations. As you observe, we religiosos and religiosas are few, and great is the Church's harvest and labours: "The harvest is truly great, but the labourers few. Pray then to the Lord of the harvest to send labourers out to His harvest." Receive Our Blessing.

Given in El Palmar de Troya, Apostolic See, on the 6<sup>th</sup>, in honour of the Epiphany of the Lord, in reparation to the Most Sacred Head of Jesus and in honour of the Sacred Family: Jesus, Mary and Joseph, January MMXV, Year of Our Lord Jesus Christ and fourth of Our Pontificate.