MOTHER PAULA GIL CANO Foundress of the Congregation of Franciscan Sisters of the Inmaculate Conception

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Cause of Beatification of Mother Paula Gil Cano



Mother Paula reveals sweetness on her lips,

Kindness in her heart and mercy in her works

Mother Paula of Jesus Gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church

The Servant of God Mother Paula Gil Cano, with her life, was a sign of the love of God to the poor, the sick, and to those who suffer.

Our dear Mother Foundress, a humble and simple woman, went about doing good; dedicated to the service of God and illuminating the shadows of pain in those who suffer.

> The words of my dear Mother Paula Are made seeds of life, Traces of love Fragrance of violet flowers

God filled her heart; that's why, her simple and nearby words are full of the wisdom of those who know themselves in God's hands.

That our life may become like Mother Paula's life, who made simple her following of God, an aroma scented violet flower perfuming the foot of those who humiliate her and from which always springs her forgiveness of charity, silence and prayer.

From Costa Rica, Heredia. Alonso Hidalgo



Informative note:

Dear devotees and associates of the Cause of Mother Paula:

The Cause of Beatification of our Mother Paula continues. The Congregation for the Causes of the Saints, from Rome, announced that the Congress of Consultants and historians will meet during the month of May to examine the Cause of Mother Paula.

We hope and wish that there is a favorable vote so the Holy Father Francis, may authorizes the decree for the final approval of the *Posicio*, on the life and virtues of the Servant of God, which will recognize her as venerable. This is the first step in her ascent to the altars

We know that the Decree usually takes several months, but this doesn't discourage us to continue trusting in her intercession, turning to her with the recitation of the Prayer and the Novena to obtain the graces we need.

Graces and Favors

1. Burgos. Miranda de Ebro. Childless married couple. Surgery without hope. We adopted a color foreign child, and turn to Mother Paula for help.

Today the adopted child is 5 years old and he is very happy to have a baby brother, born of his adoptive mother in a natural birth. We are grateful to Mother Paula for her intercession.

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2. BURGOS. Miranda de Ebro Two families are grateful for the intercession of Mother Paula. Don Jose Asenjo Iglesias had a big backache. He invoked Mother Paula, and without taking any medicine, the pain disappeared. I thank Mother Paula because I do not doubt of her intercession. Ruiz de Samaniego family:. Our son in law had a bad and serious heart illness and according to the doctors, he was in a very critical condition and has to be operated. Fearing the worst, we put the success of the operation in the hands of God and the intercession of Madre Paula. He went to the operation room with the stamp of Mather Paula in his hand and we prayed with great faith. The operation was successful. Now he has recovered, and is working, driving and living a happy family life.

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3.CANADÁ. Quebec. Mario H. Roy. I traveled to Honduras to collaborate on a project of renovating the roof of the pensionary house. With confidence, I climbed to the roof, but it sank down and I fell from a high altitude. Although I have pain and discomfort and without an accurate diagnosis, I continued my normal life, thinking was nothing severe. When I returned to Canada, I went to see a doctor who left me hospitalized for serious fracture in three cervical vertebrae. I had bone grafting and eight metal screws to fix the

broken vertebrae. The spinal cord was also deflected, so for three months I was not allowed to move, with the risk of being paralyzed. I suffered a lot, but I trusted in the intercession of Mother Paula and also in the prayers of the sisters, the children and the old people were doing for me and for the success of the operation. And so it was. Now I belong to the group of "Friends of Mother Paula", grateful for the grace I have received.

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4. COSTA RICA. Heredia. Roberto Villegas. The favor I received from Mother Paula was leaving the prison. I was a drug addict and stole to buy drugs. I was often in and out of the delegation and released from jail, until one day I tried to assault a young girl with a knife. They took me in prison for 3 years. But one day, they consider the reduction of sentence if I worked and studied. I accepted and thanks to Mother Paula's intercession, I was released from jail and now I am working.

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5. COSTA RICA Carthage. Hazel Ramirez Chacón. I often used to frequent the Asylum of the Elderly people with my daughter Pia, who was sick with heart disease, in a critical condition (one CIA. Communication Inter Atrial and a valve, pulmonary stenosis) Seeing a picture of Mother Paula, my daughter was very interested in knowing more about her, and began to pray the novena of the stamp with great devotion. When she was seven years old, she was called by the doctors for evaluation of her heart problem, to determine if she needed an open heart surgery or via catheter. Because of present tachycardia, they could not do any of the two procedures. Later she managed to delay the closure and greatly reducing valve stenosis. After eight days, when we went back to see the doctor, the leak did not existed and Pia was fine. We know that Mother Paula's intercession cured her. We continue to invoke Mother Paula with love and thanksgiving. Now we want to spread her devotion and reputation of holiness.

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6. EL SALVADOR. Metapán. Jorge Arnoldo Herrera He gives thanks to God and Mother Paula, because in his moments of depression, he prayed the novena to the Holy Trinity and raised up his spirit. He feels that the intercession of Mother Paula, has given peace, health and love to him and to others.

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7. EL SALVADOR. Angelita German Benitez thanks Mother Paula for the scholarship her daughter got to study in the United States. For a week, my daughter was waiting the confirmation of her scholarship, but the deadline was over and she didn't received any notification. Then, I prayed to Mother Paula asking for her intercession, and in the afternoon, my daughter received the confirmation she was waiting for. Thanks to Mother Paula's intercession, my daughter received the scholarship.

And also, through the intercession of Mother Paula, we were free of a mortal danger: On August 6, my son received a call, telling him that he must give them the amount of a \$1,500.00, if not, they will kill him and all his family. My son did not tell me anything

because he did not want to worry us. But when he told me, I prayed to Mother Paula to intercede for us, and thanks God they never called him back again. The entire family is grateful to Mother Paula for her company and for the graces she always grants us in all situations.

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8. EL SALVADOR. Zacatecoluca. Maria Elena Castellanos. My friend asked me one day if I could serve as a guarantor for the loan of \$ 150 for a month. I said yes, but three days before the date I have to recover the money, my friend disappeared. I became very ill and asked God and the Virgin Mary that my friend may call me. I took the picture of Mother Paula with my two hands, I knelt on the floor and begged Mother Paula to help me get out of this problem, promising not to do it again. And what happened? That same day I received the money to cancel everything. I bear witness of this miracle of Mother Paula. She has brought me out of a lot of troubles. Thank you Mother Paulita.

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9. EL SALVADOR. Ahuachapán. Luis Alfonso Melgar Quinones, 38 years old. On July 29th, just like any other day, after dinner I retired to rest. In the morning I began to have vomiting and a severe headache, until I became unconscious. I was immediately taken to the Hospital of San Salvador, where I spent 23 days in a coma. They made all kinds of tests and among other complications, I got the worst diagnosis: Hydrocephalus and aspiration pneumonia. I do not remember anything but I know my life depended on tubes and machines; even they made a tracheotomy to feed me. They tried to intervene in the head to put a valve and suck water, which was not performed because my state would not allow it, since I also had suffered a heart attack. But I knew my family, friends, the Franciscan Sisters and elderly people of the Asylum did not ceased praying the novena of Mother Paula

to the Holy Trinity for my healing, through the intercession of the Servant of God Mother Paula Gil Cano. Thus, from the day I woke up, my recovery was amazing. The doctors could not believe what they were seeing. They performed a series of tests and after 12 days, I walked out of the hospital on my own feet. Humanly it has no explanation; only God was able to get me out of the bed, bring me back to life and healed me without surgery. That is why, I firmly believe it was a miracle and that the Lord heard the pleas of many people, who fully convinced of this healing, prayed on their knees thanking God and Mother Paula for her intercession.

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10. EL SALVADOR. Ataco Douglas Amilcar Mendoza. On August 28th, we live a hard and difficult experience. I am a teacher, and in the school where I work, my friend and colleague Carlos was arrested by the authorities and unjustly accused.

On September 2nd he was presented in court without finding fault, but he remained detained and transferred to a safer prison. We all consider a hopeless and impossible case

I talked with a partner to see what we could do. We both agreed to put his liberation in the hands of God through the intercession of Mother Paula of Jesus. And I prayed to God and made the novena to Mather Paula every morning Three days before I started the second novena, on the 8th day, my school director promoted an afternoon by the Blessed Sacrament. At the end of the novena to Mother Paula, I felt sure she would grant us that grace. The next day the priest celebrated the Mass in thanksgiving for the release of our detained teacher. I am sure, Mother Paula, did not abandoned us.

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II. KENYA. Athi River. Anastasia Mbula. I'm Mrs. Anastasia Mbula, 38 years old, mother of a large family. I live in a suburb and my husband is in jail. Because of my extreme poverty, I went to ask the Franciscan Sisters to help me. They went to visit my house and brought me food, uniforms, tables and chairs for five of my children. I didn't had a permanent job, only occasionally, I went to wash clothes in different houses, but I wanted to have a stable job in a textile factory. The Sisters gave me the novena of Mother Paula and I prayed it first once, then I did it again and on the seventh day, I got the job in a textile factory. I thank Mother Paula for granting me this grace.

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12. KENYA. Athi River. My name is Rosalia Muthiko Mutua. I met the Franciscan Sisters when I was sick. I had breast cancer and was admitted to several hospitals such as Kenyatta, Nairobi, Shallom and Aghaka and have spent a lot of money. By the grace of God, one friend came to my house to pray with us and told us that we could pray the prayer of Mother Paula. We began the novena for nine days invoking our dear Mother Paula. And also pray the Rosary of Divine Mercy. On the third day we began to receive graces but we continued the novena until the last day. When I returned to the hospital, the doctor was surprised to see that I was no longer ill. He asked me what had happened, but I could not answer on that moment. I thank the Sisters for having disclosed the presence of this dear Mother among us. No doubt many people solve their problems through her intercession. Personally I'll give this wonderful testimony and talk to many people of Mother Paula. That the name of God may be glorified.

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13. HONDURAS. Jutiapa Danli. Estela Zelaya Gomez. When my child got sick with fever, stomach ache and a headache, I took her to the village clinic, and immediately, she was admitted in the Danli hospital, with very serious symptoms. They prescribed medication but, for lack of money, I could not buy it.

Since my mom and I are devotees of Mother Paula, we prayed to her all the night and my daughter slept well, at dawned was better and she asked for food again. When she went to the private clinic, the doctors examined her of hepatitis B and the result was negative. They could not believe it. Then, they examined her again resulting a mild hepatitis A. The health of the girl continued improving until she became normal again. So I thank God and Mother Paula for granting us this favor.

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14. HONDURAS. Santa Rosa de Copan. Hilda Maria Torres. I am a teacher in the Girls' Home run by the Franciscan Sisters of the Most Pure Conception. They have awakened in me the devotion and love for Mother Paula. I am a mother of two young male students. One of them for nonpayment, lost the opportunity to study a superior career. Very much worried, I began to pray to Mother Paula to intercede before God to get another chance for my son . And so, two months later my son went to the National University of Agriculture in Olancho, to study the career of Agricultural Engineering which he initially wanted to study, but for lack of economic means, was not able to do. In addition, Mother Paula got from the Lord, a complete scholarship for my son. At the same time my sister, who accompanied me to do the paperwork, was also the beneficiary of the scholarship of another student who could not travel for different reasons, so my nephew gave the opportunity to enter this University also with a full scholarship too. Thank you Mother Paula for hearing my prayers and intercede before God Almighty for this double miracle.

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15. HONDURAS. Saint Lucia Intibucá. For a year, Zelaya Priscila López, have suffered from a severe stomach pain. She consulted several doctors, but none of them found the disease. She got into a big depression and no longer wanted to see any doctor. But one day, her sister gave her the stamp of Mother Paula and prayed the novena together, asking Mother Paula to intercede before God for her health. A few days later, she visited another doctor and he discovered the bacteria that caused her health disorder. The doctors prescribed a treatment and soon she recovered her health. Now, Zelaya thanks God and Mother Paula for this great favor

16. ISLAND OF MOZAMBIQUE - Africa. I Maria Isabel Barros. I'm here to witness a grace that I have received. For a month I suffered a paralysis, without improving. I could not breathe, so I have to sleep sitting all night, until morning. I prayed very hard to M. Paula, asking her to intercede for my health and suddenly I felt better. Now I can walk and breath well so, I thought to myself, it was Mother Paula, I am healed by God.

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17. LION. Vanesa Martin Luther writes: Both my husband and I always wanted to have a child, but the gynecologist said it was impossible for me to get pregnant by a natural way. One day, visiting my mother, I saw a picture of Mother Paula in her hands, and when she left, I read the prayer of the stamp. At first, I read it with little faith, being very discouraged by the negative results of the medical explorations and the negative results of trying until the present time. As the days passed by, I prayed with more faith to Mother Paula, and I am very happy to say that now I'm pregnant and my pregnancy is going very well until now. With thanksgiving, I keep praying to Mother Paula Gil so that everything goes well to the end.

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18. MADRID. Adelia Pelagie Ngsna Cameroon (Africa). I came to Spain seeking a better life. With the economic crisis, I could not find a job. I prayed to Mother Paula with great faith and hope to help me. I found a job, but I was not permitted to see my daughter. So I prayed again to Mother Paula and I got a better job. My daughter was accepted in a boarding school for girls during the week. Now on weekends, I can have my daughter with me. The sisters take good care of everything she needs and she is receiving a very good education. Thank God and Mother Paula. I hope to see her soon on the altars.

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19. MEXICO, Nezahualcoyotl. Beatriz Ramirez Olvera says: Anabel Morales Andrade had difficulties to become pregnant, since she had only one kidney and a prosthesis. Being the third time she tried to have a baby, she feared for her health and also the possible deficiencies of the baby. I turned up to ask the intercession of Mother Paula, praying for a normal pregnancy and childbirth. Today I thank God and the intercession of Mother Paula for the miracle of having a beautiful child, full of life and with good health

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20. MADRID. Concepcion Martinez communicates: One day, I walked into a church and found some leaflets of Mother Paula Gil, foundress of the Franciscan Sisters of the Most Pure Conception. At that time my life was full of concerns because of serious problems of a close relative. Almost without releasing, I began to pray to Mother Paula Gil, asking for her intercession. The case to which I'm referring to, although very serious, we continue fighting and praying for the best solution, mitigated by the intercession of Mother Paula. I daily feel Mother Paula's presence in my life and very near to me. I keep on asking her for urgent small and bigger things, as finding a home for my mother. And in three days we were fortunate to have the house we needed, in space in best conditions. Mother Paula always helps me in everything I ask to her.

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21. Murcia. Lo Pagán. Maria del Carmen, was in marriage crisis. The problem was big because her husband had relations with another woman and was about to divorce. But his aunt thought, "If Mother Paula doesn't fix it! ... And immediately she gets in touch with her niece and the Franciscan Sisters to pray for this intention. After one month, of intense prayers for the marriage of Maria del Carmen, again received grace or "miracle as she says". He returned home with his wife and children. They forgave him and now they live without any problems. Maria del Carmen is sure Mother Paula was her intercessor before God. The whole family is very grateful to Mother Paula and wants to publish this grace.

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PRAYER

To obtain graces through the intercession of the Servant of God Mother Paula

Oh most Holy Trinity, you that deigned to make your servant Paula a disciple of Jesus, by following the example of poverty and humility of Saint Francis, as well as on her loving and generous commitment to the poor and the outcast of her time. We beg you, for your glory, the honor of your Church, and the wellbeing of our souls, the grace we wish to obtain through her intercession and in order to obtain her prompt beatification. Amen

Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory be.

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