



"In silence and hope is our strength."

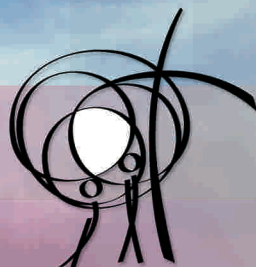
Saint Francisco Coll

Mr. Víctor I.B. tells us that he has received a grace which he attributes to the intercession of **Sister Dominga Cristina Benito**: He had a 37-year-old son who became unemployed in 2020, and from that moment on it became a time of suffering for the whole family. A Sister advised him to pray a novena to the Servant of God Dominga Cristina Benito, and in a short time, his son was offered two jobs, allowing him to choose the one that best suited him. He has also received other favors for which he is grateful. We give thanks to God!

Prayer to ask for the intercession of the Blessed Martyr Sisters of the Anunciata

*God, Father of mercy, You have granted to our sisters **Ramona Fossas, Adelfa Soro, Teresa Prats, Ramona Perramón, Otilia Alonso, Reginalda Picas, and Rosa Jutglar** the grace to die for Christ and the honor to be at the altar of Your saints. We beg you through their intercession, to grant us the grace which we ask of You...*

Help us in our weakness so that, as they did not hesitate to die for You, we too may stand firm in confessing Your name, in living the faith, and in fidelity to our baptismal consecration. You who live and reign forever and ever. Amen.



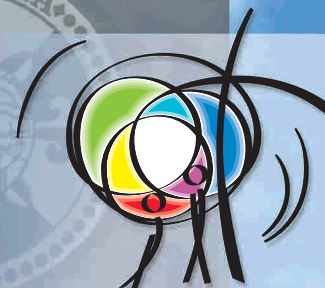
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HOPE IN ADVERSITY

Today we want to focus on Father Coll as a prophet of hope in times of adversity. A prophet is a man willing to suffer for the mission entrusted to him.

Therefore, prophecy requires strength: he knows the path is arduous and leads through the Cross. But he does not draw this strength from his own power, for he has placed his trust not in himself, but in God.

That was Father Coll's experience in founding the Anunciata. He endured the difficulty of facing opposition; the criticism and rejection from religious authorities. Moreover the profound pain of being misunderstood by his own friends. The radical poverty with which he began his foundation and the simplicity of the young women who arrived, defied all human logic of success.

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But his perseverance shows us where his heart rested during that difficult time. His hope stemmed from his ability to work toward that dream, because he understood that it responded to the needs of the people and to the will of God. He wasn't alone in facing this opposition. He was surrounded by a group of young women who had believed in his hopeful dream and embraced his mission of bringing education and the Gospel to the villages. They felt the power of his vocation. And now they were being told they had been deceived... In the streets, they heard comments and jeers, but the worst part was that even the priests tried to discourage them.

One of the first sisters recounts the early days, filled with opposition and difficulties. When she arrived in Vic in June 1857, she heard people say, "How silly! That has no basis; he's just a poor chaplain," and some priests even refused to give them absolution. For this reason, they tried to confess to Father Coll, but "when he was absent, we went to another priest, fearful, yes, because of what people and priests were saying, but with great inner joy." (Sister Paula Prat).

"With great inner joy"... And where did this joy come from? Like Father Coll, the first sisters teach us how hope is sustained by a deep trust in God, who fulfills his promises. And how that hope keeps alive the joy of self-giving, overcoming all opposition. Vulnerable women, simple young ladies from the countryside, who nevertheless appear strong and courageous, defending their vocation in the midst of adversity.

Therein lies a grace and a legacy the beginnings of the Congregation: the triumph of hope over all discouragement, skepticism, and human calculation. It is the victory of joy despite contradictions. It is trust in a God who does not abandon the humble who place themselves in His hands. It is the strength of those who did not trust in their own abilities. The testimony of Father Coll and our first sisters challenge us: in times of difficulty, where we place our hope, our joy and our trust?

PRAYER

*O Lord, who made of **Saint Francisco Coll**, a tireless apostle of the Gospel and the rosary, enriching him with the virtues and the crosses of great souls, grant us through his intercession the grace which we ask of you...*

*Help us imitate the actions and work of his life and give us the strength to live the joys and sorrows of our Christian life with true peace of mind. **Amen***

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SEVEN DOMINICAN
SISTERS OF THE
ANUNCIATA
MARTYRS AND PROPHETS
OF HOPE

Every 6th of November, the Anunciata commemorates with veneration and affection the memory of its seven Blessed Martyrs. Upon entering the novitiate to follow Jesus as Dominican Sisters of the Anunciata, our seven Sisters never have imagined that their aspirations for holiness would one day be fulfilled in such an unexpected way. The Spanish Civil War caught them in the prime of their lives, finding them frail in body but strong in spirit, ready to profess their faith with their blood and thus become witnesses and prophets of hope.

Five of them—**Ramona Fossas, Adelfa Soro, Teresa Prats, Ramona María Perramón,** and **Otilia Alonso** (the youngest, 19 years old only)—lived in Barcelona, and two—**Reginalda Picas** and **Rosa Jutglar**—lived in the community of Manresa. On July 27, 1936, threatened with death if they did not renounce their religious vows, they bravely and resolutely gave their lives demonstrating a hope that was not disappointed. The support they gave to one another in their final moments and the forgiveness they extended to their executioners was truly inspiring. For them, as daughters of Father Coll, heaven was a certain reality for which it was worthwhile to give their lives.



In 2007, Pope Benedict XVI beatified them and offered the Church the example of their lives to encourage us and to make holiness a possible path not through trust in our own strength but through the certainty of God's presence that encourages and sustains us.

For us, our Martyr Sisters are true witnesses of what it means to live with hope in times of adversity. **Remembering their sacrifice, learning to offer our lives, praying for an end to all violence and intolerance:** their luminous witness continues to challenge us and invite us to generosity, forgiveness, commitment, and faithfulness in the small things of each day.

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