

after two thousand years, we see Christ as the one who brings man freedom based on truth, frees man from what curtails, diminishes and as it were breaks off this freedom at its root, in man's soul, his heart and his conscience."⁴⁷

God has given us freedom forever; it is not a temporary gift, to employ only during our life here on earth. Freedom, like love, "never ends" (1 Cor 13:8), but it continues in heaven. Our path to heaven is a path towards the freedom of the glory of the children of God: *in libertatem gloriae filiorum Dei* (Rom 8:21). In heaven our freedom not only won't disappear, but rather will attain its fullness in embracing God's Love. "In heaven a great Love awaits you, with no betrayals and no deceptions. The fullness of love, the fullness of beauty and greatness and knowledge . . . And it will never cloy: it will satiate, yet still you will want more."⁴⁸

If we are faithful, by God's mercy, in heaven we will be fully free, with the fullness of love.

Your Father blesses you with all his affection,

Fernando

Rome, January 9, 2018, anniversary of the birth of Saint Josemaría

47. Saint John Paul II, Encyclical *Redemptor hominis*, March 4, 1979, no. 12.

48. Saint Josemaría, *The Forge*, no. 995.



Letter on the Occasion of the Decree on a Miraculous Cure attributed to Guadalupe Ortiz de Landáuzuri. June 9, 2018

Rome, June 9, 2018

My dear children: may Jesus watch over my daughters and sons for me!

This morning, on the day of the memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, the Holy See made public Pope Francis' decision to promulgate the decree on a miraculous cure attributed to the intercession of the Venerable Servant of God, Guadalupe Ortiz.

Let us give thanks to God and to the most Blessed Virgin our Mother for this pontifical act, which opens the way to the beatification of this sister of ours. As the Church has declared, "she dedicated herself entirely and with joy to God and to the service of his Church, and experienced intensely God's love."

Guadalupe converted all her activities into a place of meeting with Christ: her work as a researcher in chemistry, the classes she taught in various educational institutions, the work of domestic administration, the direction of university residences, etc. Her sanctity was forged in her correspondence to God's grace in her daily life, in her

apostolate, and in her desire to improve the lives of the most needy.

Let us have recourse to Guadalupe's intercession, so that she obtains for us the grace of living with joy and fidelity our vocation to ho-

liness and apostolate in the middle of the world.

Your Father blesses you with all his affection,

Fernando