

Our Centenarians in 2002

SISTER AGUEDA VILLORIA

November 11, 1902 – January 12, 2008 – ESPAÑA

Sister Agueda Villoria was born in Uviarco (Spain) on the 11th of November, 1902. She was baptized on the 14th of that month in the same year. She entered the Congregation on the 7th of November of 1928, in Paris and took her first vows on the 11th of February 1931, in Paris. Following her profession she lived in different houses of the Congregation: Rennes, Picpus, Epsom, Cork, Youghal, Weymouth, and Rome until 1986, when she returned to Spain. She has undertaken various different activities and services such as sewing, cleaning, ironing, work as concierge, laundry, and looking after the priests. In November of this year (2002) she will be one hundred years old, yet she is as full of life and as joyful as ever.



“Here is a brief description of my lengthy religious life in the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts, and it covers no more and no less that the period from 1928 to today, 2002.

In all sincerity, I would venture to say that these have been happy years, very happy years. I did my Noviciate in France. I give thanks to God because I was formed by religious and Directresses replete with the spirit of our Founders. In my Novitiate there were 100 of us! Sisters of various nationalities, and that was the moment when we began to live internationality ...! After having spent time in a number of countries (Spain, France, Inland-Ireland, Italy) and lived in the midst of different languages and mentalities, I can say I was very happy. By way of completion to this state of happiness, I had an opportunity to see the Holy Father in person. In the midst of such happiness there have also been some thorns with the roses ... but that is all right; Avanti! (ever forward) as the Italians say. I thank God for so many blessings, as well as for the roses with their thorns.

For the younger Brothers and Sisters of the Congregation, I wish happiness as my own, and I would tell them not to worry about the obstacles they may encounter in life. They should never feel discouraged because God is by our side and always helps us so we may be faithful to His Love.

The principal element is our life of prayer. Without it, we can do nothing. Prayer is our Mission. And from it we embark upon the mission. Now that I am 100 years old, and no longer able to do the things I used to do, (even though I would like to do) I pray for the situation of the world so that each day this world may proceed ever more towards the realization of the vocation for which God created it.

Infinite thankfulness for God’s goodness in granting me these 100 years of life. (I still find it hard to believe!).”

Sister Agueda died in Torrelavega, Spain, on January 12, 2008.