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Cause for Canonisation of the Venerable Servant of God MAGDALENA AULINA SAURINA (1897-1956)



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News

During the summer, the Dicastery and the Postulation continued their examination and review of the *Summarium* concerning the alleged miracle attributed to the Venerable Magdalena Aulina.

In August, in Cantonigròs, Spain, from 2 to 6 August, Fr. Robert Carrara preached the Spiritual Exercises in French for the members of the Institute; from 10 to 15 August, the "Aulinian Days" took place, focusing on a deeper understanding of the charism and spirituality of Magdalena Aulina.

From 16 to 24 August, the World Congress of Secular Institutes and the World Assembly were held in Madrid.

Publication of a monthly reflection sheet in electronic format will resume in October and continue through June. Issued on the 15th of each month in Italian, Spanish, French, and English, it will feature a text by Magdalena Aulina for personal or communal reflection.

In 2027, the Newsletter of the Cause for Canonisation will be published in five languages: in April (issue no. 39) and in October (issue no. 40).

Thanks and favours received

1. «When, on the afternoon of 3 March 2026, my son Francesco, forty years old and the father of a little girl, embraced me tightly to tell me the worst news a mother can receive ("I have cancer!"), my world collapsed. Yet, at that very moment, I immediately tried to give him courage. It was then that, turning to the Most Holy Trinity, I asked for the grace of my son's healing through the intercession of the Venerable Magdalena Aulina. I was joined in prayer by two of my dearest friends. On 7 April, the tumour, which was malignant, was removed, but we still had to wait for the complete test results to ensure that there were no

metastases. I never stopped invoking Magdalena and trusting in her intercession. My prayer was answered. Francesco was healed! Thank you.» (R.V., Mantova, May 2026).

2. «Twenty months ago, Elisabeth, the forty-one-year-old wife of my nephew, was diagnosed with stage IV cancer behind her stomach, with metastases to the liver and pancreas. Although the tumour has not disappeared, her condition is now stable, and the doctors can hardly believe it! For twenty months we have prayed every day to the Venerable Magdalena Aulina, whom we wish to thank here.» (L.M., Las Palmas, May 2026).

3. «I could not find a key. After searching for it in vain everywhere for an entire morning, I entrusted the matter to the Lord through the intercession of the Venerable Magdalena Aulina. In the afternoon, calm and confident, I continued looking for the key... Just when I had completely lost hope, I opened, for the umpteenth time, the second drawer of the cabinet in the entrance hall and found it there! Astonished, I said from the bottom of my heart: “Thank You, Lord, and thank you, Magdalena Aulina!”. Still full of amazement, while busy with other tasks, I heard within myself a clear and firm voice saying: “The other two keys you now need are in the top drawer of the chest of drawers in the bedroom”. And that is exactly where they were. I thank the Lord and the Venerable Magdalena Aulina because, although it may seem a small matter, it is very important to me.» (F.N., Barcelona, June 2026).

4. «We encountered many difficulties in finding employment for my son after he completed his university studies. We turned to Magdalena Aulina, whom I came to know through a very dear friend of mine, an “*Operaria Parroquial*”. And Magdalena listened to us: my son was able to secure a position with a social services organisation, where he demonstrated both his talents and his kind heart, working directly with the public and earning

great appreciation for his courtesy and competence in handling cases. I wish to express my gratitude to the Venerable Magdalena Aulina, and I pray to the Lord that she may soon be beatified, just as my friend, who introduced me to her, always desired.» (M.J.F., Asturias, July 2026).

5. «On 5 August of this year, my nephew suffered both a heart attack and a stroke. We entrusted him to the intercession of the Venerable Magdalena Aulina, whom we wish to thank because, so far, my nephew has suffered no lasting effects.» (M.J.H., Gran Canaria, September 2026).

Anyone who has received graces through the intercession of the Venerable Servant of God may report this using the contact details below:
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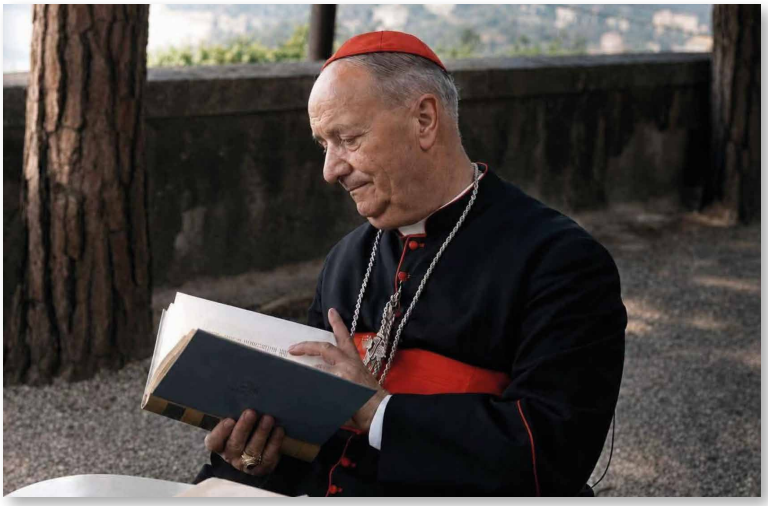
Some aspects of her life

1. On 16 July 1951, Magdalena Aulina had the consolation of being received in audience by Pope Pius XII and of presenting to him the Constitutions of the "*Obra*". It was an encounter marked by the Holy Father's attentiveness and kindness, as he encouraged Magdalena "to carry the cross without wavering".

2. As things stood, everything pointed to a positive response to the request that Monsignor Marcelino Olaechea, Archbishop of Valencia, had submitted on 7 March 1950 to the Sacred Congregation for Religious. The request concerned the recognition of the "*Obra de las Operarias Parroquiales*" as a Secular Institute. For this reason, Magdalena Aulina, who was striving to expedite the pending matter, requested an audience with Monsignor Alfredo Ottaviani, Assessor of the Supreme Sacred Congregation of the Holy Office. In fact, the "*Operarias*" were convinced that the delay in obtaining approval was due to the need to provide certain clarifications, which they were ready to offer with simplicity and sincerity.

3. On 20 July 1951, Monsignor Alfredo Ottaviani received Magdalena Aulina and several leaders of the "*Obra*" in audience. He confirmed that there were certain points that required clarification and that, to address them, he was relying on the work of the Apostolic Visitor who had already been appointed. However, neither Magdalena nor the "*Operarias*" knew anything about this. Monsignor Ottaviani himself was quite surprised that they had not already been properly informed. Thus, in this rather unusual way, they learned of the appointment of Monsignor José María García Lahiguera, Auxiliary Bishop of Madrid, as Apostolic Visitor of the "*Obra*".

4. Immediately after the meeting with Monsignor Ottaviani, Filomena Crous sent a circular letter from Rome to all the members of the "*Obra*", informing them of the news and explaining that "the Visitor might remain for several days in a house during his visit, in order to conduct a more thorough investigation. He would interview each member individually, under the obligation of secrecy, and all should be prepared for this". On 31 July 1951, Magdalena Aulina met Bishop García Lahiguera in Madrid. He was quite surprised by the manner in which his appointment had been communicated to them. When he revealed that, as Vicar for Religious in the



diocese, it would be difficult for him to visit all the houses of the "*Obra*", Magdalena proposed that the "*Operarias Parroquiales*" travel to meet him in small groups instead. In any case, the apostolic visitation began, and during the months of September and October 1951, the Bishop visited several houses of the "*Obra*". Then, it seemed that everything came to a halt.

5. Finally, on 29 November 1952, Monsignor García Lahiguera asked Magdalena Aulina to send him as soon as possible "a complete list of all the members of the Institution of the '*Operarias Parroquiales*', as well as the number, names, and locations of the houses belonging to the Institute". Magdalena responded promptly, and the apostolic visitation was able to resume, although everything remained shrouded in secrecy. There were many hopes and expectations, while at the same time Magdalena's health continued to deteriorate. The wait was long: it lasted until August 1955!

Outline of her spirituality

1. «Everything is progressing well, but we must continue to pray fervently. We are going through one of the most important periods in the history of the "*Obra*": that of its consolidation. Our unity will be most pleasing to the Lord as we pray confidently for the long-awaited approval. It is understandable that everything now depends on the actions of the Most Reverend Visitor. He has not yet said anything to our Mother. He told Archbishop Olaechea that he would meet with him when he went to Madrid. These are always lengthy processes. But the Lord, who makes all things

work together for the good of those who serve Him, knows the plans He has laid out for us» (*Circular letter to the members of the "Obra"*, Barcelona, January 1952).

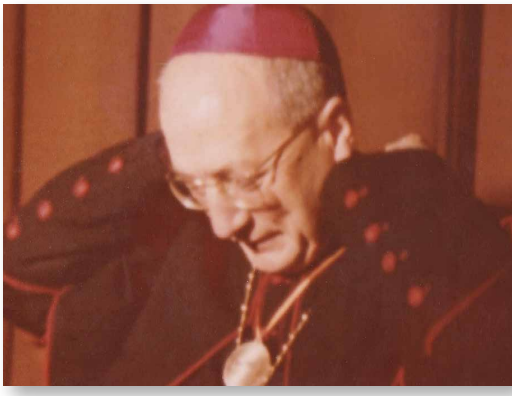
2. «[...] Most Holy Father, my health is seriously impaired. After thirty-five years of unceasing work, I pray to God and humbly ask Your Holiness that, should the Lord call me to Himself, I may leave to my daughters, both those already belonging to our Institute and the many others who wish to join it but whom I am currently asking to wait, the certainty of a clear path and the resolution of every difficulty. Thus, with the blessing of Your Holiness, they may devote themselves to their mission with joy, determination, and tireless commitment, under the guidance of their bishops, in the many places to which we are called, thereby supporting the work of the Church through the ministry of its parish priests and bishops» (Magdalena Aulina, *letter to the Holy Father Pope Pius XII*, 4 August 1952).

3. «Seek God alone. Every soul must strive for its own sanctification through commitment, self-denial, and self-giving. Devote yourselves to your duty, for it is in duty that you will find God. And love one another, love one another sincerely. Bear with one another and overlook each other's faults. And if a fault should become evident, point it out to one another gently and in a fraternal spirit. You are sisters, called by the same God to the same blessed "boat" of His holy service. Live in it happily and contentedly, ready to "row" tirelessly, aware that your efforts and hardships, offered daily to the Lord, are the precious "currency" of sacrifice that will be transformed into graces and blessings for souls. And when the constant effort to faithfully fulfil your duty becomes burdensome, then look to Jesus on the cross and meditate on His Passion. Those loving wounds of Christ will speak to you of His love, His infinite love, His pleading love. What does Jesus ask? He simply asks for love. Therefore, do everything out of love, to please Jesus [...]. If you live a deep spiritual life amidst your daily occupations, everything will seem easy. The solution lies in striving to do things well and for the love of God. And ask for the help of our Saint Gemma. You should invoke her more often, so that she may teach you to belong ever more fully to Jesus, to be more observant, more in love with self-denial, sacrifice, and obedience. If you are in love with the means of achieving your perfection, you will be joyful, as you should always be, because it is a great joy to be able to say to Jesus: "I am entirely Yours, for I have left everything for

You and I will always do everything for You" [...]. Live in love with the Blessed Virgin Mary. How pleasing it is to Jesus to see that the members of the "*Obra*" are always distinguished by their great love for the Most Holy Virgin! Only in this way shall we respond to the tender care that Our Lady, our Mother, has shown to the "*Obra*", and especially to her many signs of affection and the gifts she bestows during the month of May. You have always known this well. Let us therefore strive never to be surpassed in loving and honouring the Virgin Mary and in sanctifying ourselves through devotion to her» (Magdalena Aulina, *summary of an exhortation*, Madrid, 28 May 1953).

Testimonies

1. «At the time of the apostolic visitation by Monsignor García Lahiguera, I was at the house of formation in Valencia. I remember that we were all very nervous about the visit. I also recall trembling when the time came to take the oath. I remember little of what Bishop García Lahiguera said to us; I only remember that his attitude towards us was not paternal. What I remember more clearly is that, while a group of us were waiting in the courtyard to be called by the Visitor, his secretary, whose name I no longer recall, said to us: "What are you doing here? If this Institute were to be dissolved right now, where would you end up?". He added other similar remarks that were disparaging to our Institute. Such an attitude on the part of the Visitor's secretary deeply affected us, because we sensed his hostility towards us. I did not personally see Magdalena during that visit, but I know that she urged us to entrust the matter to the Lord, saying: "This is His "*Obra*", and He will take care of it; our task is to remain faithful to Him. Let us not be afraid, because He will provide"» (Amelia Fernández Díaz, *testimony*, 7 April 2003).



2. «I remember the first apostolic visitation, conducted by Monsignor José María García Lahiguera, because I was called to give

testimony. We had hoped that this visitation would resolve our difficulties, but in reality it did not. I also remember that, during that period, the difficulties caused great distress among the members of the Institute. Nevertheless, in the face of all this, Magdalena never ceased to encourage and support us with words of hope. She urged us to place our lives in God's hands, because, in truth, it was He who guided our Institute. We were deeply impressed by Magdalena's calm and serene attitude in the face of difficulties. What also struck us was the fact that, even amid setbacks that made everything seem on the verge of collapse, she would speak enthusiastically about future plans: about the apostolate we would undertake, about how we should conduct ourselves as "*Operarias Parroquiales*", and even about crossing the ocean (referring to the Americas)» (Francisca Montserrat Turón Rabassedas, *testimony*, 8 April 2003).

3. «I experienced both apostolic visitations. Monsignor José María García Lahiguera questioned me when I was in Aldeanueva de Ebro. The Visitor first went to the parish; afterwards, he and the parish priest, Fr. Máximo Rubio, came to our house. Fr. Máximo introduced us, and Monsignor García Lahiguera, with a gesture that seemed intended to dismiss both me and another young woman, said that we were of no interest to him and that he wished to speak only with the older members. In the end, he said that, since we were already there, he would speak with us as well. I remember that, once inside the room, he said to me: "Kneel down and swear that you will tell the truth". I prefer not to speak further about that visitation, because I do not have pleasant memories of it» (María Jesús Pellejero López, *testimony*, 29 April 2003).

4. «My research has led me to the conviction that Bishop García Lahiguera conducted the first visitation far too superficially; consequently, it produced no results. It is significant that, although he spoke with some of the "*Operarias*" and spent time in Valencia, he never met with Monsignor Olaechea, a person who had direct knowledge of the institution's internal dynamics. Furthermore, Bishop García Lahiguera spoke with only a small number of the "*Operarias*". It was also said that the interviews he conducted with some of them were rather superficial» (Ermelinda Saracino, *testimony*, 11 June 2003).



Prayer to ask for
THE BEATIFICATION OF VENERABLE MAGDALENA AULINA SAURINA
and for graces through her intercession

Most Holy Trinity, source of all light and goodness, who inspire ever new models of Christian life, praise and glory to you for the witness of the Venerable Magdalena Aulina, your servant.

Her life, entirely devoted to you, amazes and moves us, and is a model of virtue. Following her example, help us to walk in faith, hope, and charity. According to your holy will, grant us the grace ... which we ask of you through the intercession of your servant Magdalena.

We humbly ask you to glorify her on this earth too, so that we may invoke her as a promoter of Christian life in families to the glory of your name forever. Amen.

An “Our Father”, a “Hail Mary”,
and a “Glory be to the Father”.