

SAN SEBASTIAN  
Beatification and Canonization  
Servant of God  
**COÍNTA JÁUREGUI OSÉS**  
Professed Religious of the Order of the Company of Mary Our Lady  
(1875-1954)

**DECRETUM SUPER VIRTUTIBUS**

«Love never fails» (I Cor13:8)

The words on charity in the *Letter to the Corinthians* echoed in the heart of the Servant of God Coínta Jáuregui Osés when she asked the Lord to infuse in her "*the subtleties of charity*". Her way of being and of situating herself in life left a deep impression on those who knew her and thus claimed that she was a holy woman. Coínta irradiated patience, abnegation, and unreserved dedication, always with a humility that made her very human and at the same time she possessed the wisdom of those who know that they are filled with someone who transcends them.

The Servant of God was born in the town of Navarre Fakes on February 8, 1875. She lived in Spain in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century, a time marked by the contrast between major scientific and technological advances and setbacks caused by two world wars and the Spanish civil war. This context shaped her existence.

In her youth she discovered that God was the love of her heart. God was the only one who could give meaning to a world in the midst of destruction and violence. In love with the Lord she left everything to follow him, and she found in the Order of the Company of Mary Our Lady and its educational mission the channel to fulfill her desires of service and dedication.

Coínta received a well-rounded education by the religious founded by Saint Jeanne de Lestonnac whom she joined. She wanted to make every effort in her commitment to evangelize youth through education, to respond to the challenges of society at the time. The Virgin Mary was the model of the woman she wanted to be and the model she presented to other women. On October 18, 1893 she entered the community of Tudela to begin her formation as a religious.

Throughout her life she fulfilled various tasks: teaching young girls and youth, governance, administration, formation ... and in all of them she knew how to combine gentleness and firmness, courage and generosity, humility and strength. The many generations she educated would always remember her for her kindness and respect.

On November 17, 1899 she was one of the religious who left Tudela for Talavera de la Reina where they founded a new house of the Order. She was Superior of the House from 1915-1921 and 1925 to 1928. In 1931 she was sent to Limoges, France to become acquainted with the experience of a community that had survived political instability and religious persecution. On her return visited the communities of Orduña and San Sebastian. In these places she was remembered for her humility and her great charity.

Upon her return she was reappointed superior, fulfilling this service from 1932-1940.

With the wisdom that flows from an unconditional surrender, she faced the serious difficulties brought on by the war when it reached Talavera de la Reina. From September 5, 1936 until November 13, 1939, she and community had to leave the convent which was transformed into a hospital to care for and accompany the wounded in combat. At that time they thought it best for some of the religious to go to Badajoz, and Coínta initiated the opening of a school in that city.

The Servant of God with courage and determination formed part of the group, even at times leading it, who opposed the union of the Houses of the Order; her position at that time was one of fidelity to the origins and tradition. However, with the same courage and her love of truth, she later accepted the light that God gave her to understand, through the knowledge of other realities and in the midst of difficult circumstances, that the union, sought at that time in the Company and the Church, was the will of the God. Ignoring criticism and misunderstandings, she did not hesitate in retracting her position, and in June 1941 she joined those whom she had previously opposed.

This fact, which marked the last stage of her life, demanded a painful uprooting from the community of Talavera. She was sent to the community of San Sebastian where some time back they had already implemented the changes. They formed part of the Union since 1921. In San Sebastian she gave great proof of her humility, serving to the extent that her declining health allowed. She always radiated kindness, understanding and patience. In a short time her holiness was perceived by those who had close contact with her and by the sisters who accompanied her to the end.

Mother Coínta died in San Sebastian on January 17, 1954. When the news was received, numerous written statements were received that reflected a common feeling about the sanctity of her life. By her testimony all had come to know that love is what makes a saint, what makes the world see the true face of God in them. In everyday life, in simple daily gestures, she was an extraordinary religious. Many began to pray to her and feel blessed by her intercession on their behalf.

Therefore, on January 7, 1982 the Cause was introduced. Between 1982-1983 the Apostolic Process was conducted in the Bishop's office in San Sebastian. On December 21, 1984 the decree of validity was received from the Congregation for the Causes of Saints. In the customary manner, the *Positio super virtutibus* was prepared to present how the Servant of God had exercised the virtues to a heroic degree. October 8, 2013 the Congress of Consultant Theologians took place with positive results. In the Ordinary Session of January 20, 2015, directed by me, Angelo Card. Amato, the Cardinals and Bishops acknowledged that the Servant of God had lived the theological, cardinal and other related virtues to a heroic degree.

Finally, having written a detailed report on all these things by the undersigned Cardinal Prefect for the Holy Father Francis, His Holiness, accepting the votes of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints and ratifying them, on this day declared: *the heroism of the theological virtues faith, hope and love for both God and one's neighbor and of the cardinal virtues of prudence, justice, temperance and fortitude, and the other related virtues of the Servant of God COÍNTA JÁUREGUI OSÉS professed religious of the*

*Order of the Company of Mary Our Lady is evident in this case and for the effects in question.*

The Holy Father ordered that this decree be published and to be included in the minutes of the Congregation for the Causes for Saints.

Rome, January 22, 2015

ANGELUS Card. AMATO, S. D. B.  
*Praefectus*

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Archiep. tit. Mevaniensis  
*a Secretis*