



THIS STORY BEGAN AT THE END OF THE 19TH CENTURY IN LA CAPELLE (FRANCE). ON JUNE 28, 1878 —FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS—, THE YOUNG PRIEST LEÓN-GUSTAVE DEHON FOUNDED A RELIGIOUS CONGREGATION...

1878

MONTHS LATER, THEY ALREADY ESTABLISHED A SCHOOL IN NOVELDA (ALICANTE). THANKS TO THE DRIVE OF FATHER LORENZO CANTÓ, THE DEHONIANS SPREAD THEIR WORK IN SPAIN WITH NEW PROJECTS IN VALENCIA, GARABALLA (CUENCA), VERA DE BIDASOA (NAVARRA) AND RAMALES DE LA VICTORIA (CANTABRIA).

...WHICH SPREAD THROUGHOUT EUROPE, AFRICA, AMERICA AND ASIA THANKS TO ITS COMMITMENT WITH PREACHMENT IN SCHOOL AND IN NEEDY COUNTRIES, BRINGING THE WORD OF GOD TO THE MOST DISADVANTAGED.



DURING THE YEARS OF THE SPANISH CIVIL WAR, THE COMMUNITIES AND RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS WERE ASSAULTED WHILE THE PRIESTS WERE PERSECUTED AND IMPRISONED. FATHER JUAN MARÍA DE LA CRUZ WAS IMPRISONED, EXECUTED AND THROWN INTO A MASS GRAVE IN VALENCIA WHEN CLAIMING FOR THE INTENTIONAL FIRE OF A CHURCH AND CONFESSING HIS STATUS AS A PRIEST. HE WAS BEATIFIED BY POPE JOHN PAUL II IN 2001.

THIRTY-EIGHT YEARS LATER, THE PRIESTS OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS ARRIVED TO SPAIN THANKS TO A PROVIDENTIAL WHIM OF FATE: AFTER THE OUTBREAK OF WORLD WAR I, A GROUP OF SIX GERMAN DEHONIAN RELIGIOUS IN CAMEROON WERE DEPORTED TO THE FORMER SPANISH COLONY OF GUINEA, FROM WHERE THEY ARRIVED TO ZAHARA DE LOS ATUNES (CÁDIZ) ON JULY 23, 1916.

1916

ON JANUARY 10, 1947, IT WAS CONSTITUTED THE "SPANISH PROVINCE OF THE PRIESTS OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS", WHICH SINCE THEN INTEGRATES THE COMMUNITIES AND SCHOOLS OF PUENTE LA REINA, NOVELDA, VALENCIA, SALAMANCA, MADRID, VALLECAS, ALBA DE TORMES, VENTA DE BAÑOS, TORREJÓN DE ARDOZ, MÁLAGA, POZUELO DE ALARCÓN AND SAN JAVIER. IN ADDITION TO THE MISSIONS IN CAMEROON, VENEZUELA OR ECUADOR.

1947

WITH MANY DIFFICULTIES, THE DEHONIANS REACHED TO BUY THE RUINS OF AN OLD CONVENT IN PUENTE LA REINA (NAVARRA), WHERE ON DECEMBER 27, 1919 THE FIRST DEHONIAN COMMUNITY IN SPAIN WAS CONSTITUTED.

1919

ON DECEMBER 27, 2019, THE DEHONIANS COMMEMORATED IN PUENTE LA REINA THE FIRST HUNDRED YEARS OF THEIR HISTORY IN SPAIN, REMEMBERING ITS FOUNDER, THOSE WHO SET UP EACH AND EVERY COMMUNITY AND SCHOOL, AND THOSE WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES TO KEEP FIRM THE BELIEF OF MAKING A BETTER WORLD THROUGH EDUCATION AND MISSIONS.

- PUENTE LA REINA
- ENÉRIZ
- VENTA DE BAÑOS
- SALAMANCA
- ALBA DE TORRES
- TORREJÓN DE ARDOZ
- MADRID
- VALENCIA
- NOVELDA
- SUGINA
- SAN JAVIER
- MÁLAGA



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HISTORY OF THE CONGREGATION
OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS' FOUNDATION IN SPAIN

