

2nd Foundation: Malagon

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The Book of her Foundations

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Deals with how she left Medina del Camp for the foundation of St. Joseph's in Malagon.

How far I've wandered from my subject!... While at St. Joseph's in Medina del Campo, I observed with great consolation how those Sisters were following in the footsteps of the Sisters of St. Joseph's in Avila through complete **religious dedication, sisterly love, and spirituality.**

I also noticed how our Lord had provided for His house, for the needs of the chapel as well as for those of the Sisters.

Some of the new ones entering the monastery it seems had been chosen by the Lord as the kind of **cement** suited to an edifice like this one.

In these beginning stages, all the good will be for the sake of the future. For since these Sisters find the path, those to come will follow it.

2. There was a lady in Toledo, in whose home I had stayed. While there, she came to really like me and knew I had permission to found monasteries. She began to urge me to found one in her home town of Malagon. I was really not for it because the town was very small and so the monastery would be forced to have an income which I was opposed to.

3. Both my confessor and other learned men felt I was wrong in failing to found a monastery where God could be so much served. Coupled with this, were the urgings of this woman that I could not resist. She did provide a sufficient income that the nuns would not have to beg for their needs.

4. I made every effort that the nuns possess nothing and embrace our constitutions founded in poverty.

Once the paperwork was complete, I sent for some Sisters to establish the foundation.

With the lady, we set out for Malagon.

Once there the house was not yet ready to be occupied and so we were detained more than eight days in an apartment of the lady's castle.

5. On Palm Sunday, in the year 1568, with the townspeople, we went in procession to

the church, in our white mantles and our veils covering our faces. From that church, the Blessed Sacrament was brought to our monastery which inspired great devotion in everyone.

I remained a few days in the town and on one of those days, after receiving

Communion, I understood from our Lord that He would be well-served in that house.

I don't think I was there but two months, as I was eager to found a house in Valladolid.....

Amen