

Carmel made the devotion towards the glorious Mother of Mary Immaculate flourish anew; but more than any of her companions, with greater success than the most eloquent preachers, Mother Anne of St. Augustine rendered it prodigiously popular throughout Spain and her colonies, by the authority of her example, the public and extraordinary graces she received from her motherly Patroness.

The following passage from the book of *the Foundations* seems necessary to explain the relation we are about to reproduce.

After having related the foundation of Villanova-de-la-Xara, S^a. Teresa adds: "The origin of the hermitage which serves us for a convent is as follows. This edifice was built by a most virtuous and spiritual priest who professed a lively devotion to the glorious St. Anne, his name was James de la Guadalupe. Born at Zamara, he had belonged for a time to the Carmelite Order. He undertook the voyage to Rome, with the purpose of extending the worship of St. Anne, and returned therefrom with great indulgences in favor of the sanctuary he had raised in her honor.

At his death he ordered by his will that his house and all his property be used in founding a convent of nuns of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, that, if such a foundation could not take place, a chaplain attached to the hermitage should, every week, say a few masses there, but that the latter obligation should cease as soon as a monastery had been founded on the spot. During more than twenty years, a chaplain was appointed in charge of the hermitage; but during the interval, the value of the living greatly decreased. The nine ladies of whom I have spoken occupied only the house of the donor. The chaplain dwelt in another house, likewise belonging to the same living; he is about to give it up with the property remaining. In truth, it is very little. But Our Lord, in His sovereign bounty, will know how to take under His protection the dwelling of Her who gave birth to His glorious