

# "... for what she has done in Garabandal! For that, yes"

*This testimony relates to the story of Menchu Mendiolea's cure.*

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This is an extract from a letter written by a nun to Father Eusebio Garcia de Pesquera, who out of humility, did not reveal the miracle in which she played a part.

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All for Jesus and Mary

Reverend Father Eusebio Garcia de Pesquera

Dear Father,

I've been in a dilemma, not knowing who to tell this to, but I trust you. This event occurred ten years ago. Imagine that! It happened on the feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8, 1975. This is what happened.

That day of the Immaculate Conception, the Holy Mass from the Vatican was to be transmitted via television and I was joyfully looking forward to watching it. But at that moment I encountered Mother General who told me: "Maria Bernardita, you who are so devoted to Our Lady of Garabandal, ask for the healing of Carmen Mendiolea (called Menchu by her family and friends). She is seriously ill with leukemia and they don't know if she will make it beyond this day."

I was very saddened by the news. I knew Menchu and her family and she had two or three small children. So, instead of watching the televised Masses from the Vatican which I loved so much, I dedicated myself to intense and prolonged prayer to obtain the difficult grace that was needed.

So, I concentrated myself interiorly and began the dialogue with Our Lord, that lasted as long as the holy Mass. In one of those moments of fervent prayer and confidence, I said to Him, "Lord, have compassion on that family that is suffering so much."

He answered me, "There are many families who suffer as much."

I thought, "What can I tell Him that will move Him?" I thought about the children(!) and said, "Lord, those little children are so young. Don't leave them without their mother."

Again, I felt as if He answered, "Other children have also lost their mothers."

I didn't know what else to say and was suffering so much. Then suddenly I thought to say: "Lord, do it at least for your Mother, for her glory for what she has done in Garabandal! And wonder of wonders, I felt He told me, "Ah, for that, yes."

At that moment I felt completely confident that the young mother, who humanly speaking was dying, would be spared. I did not find out until the next day, but the fact is that she was cured at the moment I was pleading to Our Lord the day of the Immaculate Conception.

When they informed me I could not stop thanking God and Our Lady of Garabandal. Because of her, I am revealing this secret that I have kept for years.

— Sr. Maria Bernardeta Solano,

Mercedaria, Barcelona.

March 20, 1986

The S.G.M. has contacted persons who swear that to this day that Menchu (Carmen Mendiola) lives in perfect health with her two children and leads a normal life.

*Read the complete story of [Menchu Mendiola's](#) remarkable cure.*

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