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A Friend in Heaven: devotion to Pedro Ballester around the world

A new documentary on the spread of devotion to Pedro Ballester around the world has been released on the eighth anniversary of his death.

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Since his death in January 2018, devotion to Pedro Ballester has spread rapidly to many countries around the world, to people of all

ages who never knew him but have heard about him by reading his biography or watching the documentary about his life "I have never been happier". This second documentary includes testimonies from some of the people who have devotion to Pedro or who have received favours through his intercession.

Pedro Ballester was born in Manchester on 22 May 1996. The eldest of three brothers, he was brought up in the north of England. From an early age he stood out for his warmheartedness and generosity. He was renowned for being a hard-working student, and a good friend to all. While in his late teens, his deep faith led him to dedicate his life to God in Opus Dei, seeking to love Jesus Christ above all things through his studies, friendships and ordinary life.

As a numerary member of Opus Dei, Pedro received the gift of apostolic celibacy and made himself completely available to attend to the apostolic undertakings and the formation of other members of the Prelature.

In December 2014, shortly after starting at university, he was diagnosed with advanced cancer of the pelvis. Pedro saw his illness as an opportunity to embrace the Cross of Jesus, and joyfully offered up his sufferings for the Pope, the Church, and all souls. The fortitude and serenity with which he bore his illness to the end inspired numerous people to come closer to God and the Church.

Pedro rendered up his soul to God on 13 January 2018. From the very day of his death, reports have been received of favours obtained through his intercession.

The documentary was directed by
Juan Martin Ezratty and made by
Digito Identidad
(www.digitoidentidad.com)

Further information on Pedro
Ballester see pedroballester.org.uk

Pray through Pedro's intercession

Prayer for private devotion

Heavenly Father, you gave your son
Pedro a deep and cheerful faith, love
for the Cross, and zeal to bring his
friends closer to Christ. Help me also
to offer my work, joys and sufferings
for the good of the Church and for
the salvation of all. Grant through
Pedro's prayers what I now ask
(*name the intention*) and that I too
may grow each day in faith and love

for Jesus, by making Him, with our Lady's help, the centre of my life and love. Amen. *Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory Be*

In conformity with the decrees of Pope Urban VIII, we declare that there is no intention of anticipating in any way the judgement of the Church, and that this prayer is not intended for public use.

With ecclesiastical approval.

- Download the prayer card in English and in many other languages.

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