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## **"Graces for the entire Church"**

Nelida de Jesus lives in Amsterdam and works as a law professor. She is "sure God will grant many graces for the entire Church" with the beatification of Alvaro del Portillo.

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My name is Nelida de Jesus Ferreira Semedo. I'm Dutch but originally from Cape Verde. I'm 30 years old and work as a law professor in Amsterdam.

This is my first opportunity to attend a beatification and a very special event, so I plan to go to Madrid. I'm sure God will grant many graces for the entire Church. Also it will be moving to see people from all over the world coming together to honor a holy person who from now on will be an example for everyone.

Has Don Alvaro obtained any favors for me? I was unemployed for nine months and was seeking work but with no success. Then I began asking Don Alvaro for help and suddenly I had three offers! But each was a part-time position so my life was a bit chaotic. So I asked him for help again and soon I found a full-time position.

I ask him for favors every day: small things, and also bigger ones. I see him as a brother in heaven, a great ally who helps me out.

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