

SALFORD DIOCESAN TRIBUNAL

CAUSE FOR THE BEATIFICATION AND CANONISATION OF PEDRO BALLESTER

Prot. No. J11-01/24

Edict of the Bishop of Salford

On 13 January 2018, in Manchester, Pedro Ballester died, aged 21. He was born in Manchester in 1996 and grew up in a Catholic family. Known for his warmth, generosity and hard work, he dedicated his life to God in his late teens as a celibate member of Opus Dei, offering himself fully to its apostolic work. Shortly after starting university, he was diagnosed with advanced pelvic cancer, which he accepted as a way of sharing in Christ's Cross. He offered his sufferings for the Pope, the Church, and all souls, showing remarkable serenity and faith. As the years have passed, his reputation for holiness has increased; and the Postulator, Fr Paul Hayward, has formally requested that we initiate the related Cause of Beatification and Canonisation.

In bringing this to the attention of the ecclesial community, we invite all the faithful to provide the Diocesan Tribunal of Salford with any information or in the case of those who have already done so, any additional information, from which elements favourable or contrary to the reputation of holiness of the aforesaid Pedro Ballester may in some way be inferred.

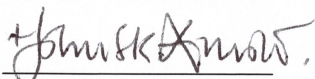
Communications may be sent by email to tribunal@dioceseofsalford.org.uk or in writing to:

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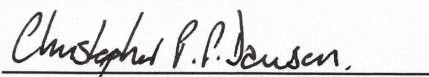
Since, moreover, according to canonical norms, all writings attributed to Pedro Ballester (diaries, letters, or any other private writings) or in any way pertaining to the Cause must be collected, we order, by this Edict, that those who possess such materials submit them with due promptness to the same Diocesan Tribunal, unless they have already been delivered to the Postulator. Those who wish to keep the originals may present copies, which will be duly authenticated.

Finally, we decree that this Edict remain posted until *31 August 2026 at St John the Evangelist Cathedral, 250 Chapel Street, Salford, M3 5LE*, that it be published on the diocesan website (<https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk>), and that it be displayed in any other place (with the consent of the respective Ordinary) connected with the figure of Pedro Ballester.

Given at Salford on this^{12th}..... of^{May}..... 2026



✠ John Arnold
Bishop of Salford



Very Rev Fr. Christopher Dawson
Chancellor

