

DE PROFUNDA DIGNITATIS

Emilia Fernández, Tíjola, Almería, 1914.

Emilia's life was that of a gypsy family in the area: they lived in a cave house and made wicker baskets. Like many of the time, he dedicated himself to work esparto, tin and sell in the markets. In July 1936 the Civil War broke out and two years later he married, in the gypsy style, with Juan Cortés. He was called to the ranks, and although on the first occasion he managed to free himself by making the militants of the Second Republic believe that he was blind, when they returned and found that everything had been a trick, they stopped the marriage. Juan ended up in the "Ingenio Prison" and Emilia was sent to the "Gachas Colorás" jail where he was admitted on June 21, 1938. He was included in a group of forty women and young people imprisoned there for the terrible crime of being Catholic. practitioners On July 9, 1938, he was sentenced to six years in prison. At that time I was already pregnant and they say that their stay in prison became more bearable with prayer. Emilia La Canastera refused to reveal who the woman who had catechized her, did not want to betray her. This meant a prison aggravation. The young gypsy died after giving birth to a girl. Their rest were deposited in a common grave of the cemetery of Almeria.

