

Their mother's feast-day

Every year, on the feast-day of Mrs. Dolores Escrivá, Saint Josemaría's mother, the whole family waited in joyous anticipation for the dessert they always had that day.

The kitchen door opened and there appeared... crespillos! Everyone cheered and clapped. It was a simple dessert that Mrs. Escrivá would prepare on that day only. This made it into something the children looked forward to, although it was very simple.

In the afternoon visitors would come. Little Carmen was a great help around the house, and that day she did everything with special care. She loved to put her best dress on and answer the door to the visitors, welcoming them in with a smile. "Mommy's in the sitting-room," she would greet them affectionately.

But she also laughed, like everyone else, when Mrs. Escrivá said jokingly, "Mrs. So-and-so will have her make-up on, and we mustn't make her laugh because it will crack and fall off!"

Josemaría looked at her in amusement, picturing the horrible appearance of Mommy's friend.

