

### **GUZMÁN, MADRE MARÍA DOMINGA (1897–1993)**

A candidate for canonization, Madre María Dominga Guzmán was born in Río Piedras, Puerto Rico. At the age of sixteen she joined the Dominican Sisters of the Holy Cross, a congregation in Brooklyn, New York. Overcoming health related obstacles, Guzmán returned to Puerto Rico where she became a parish school teacher, and ultimately founded the second Puerto Rican congregation of religious women in the island, Las Hermanas de Fátima. Throughout her long life, Madre María Dominga Guzmán preached “love of God, love for others, and love for the country God chose as her place of birth.”