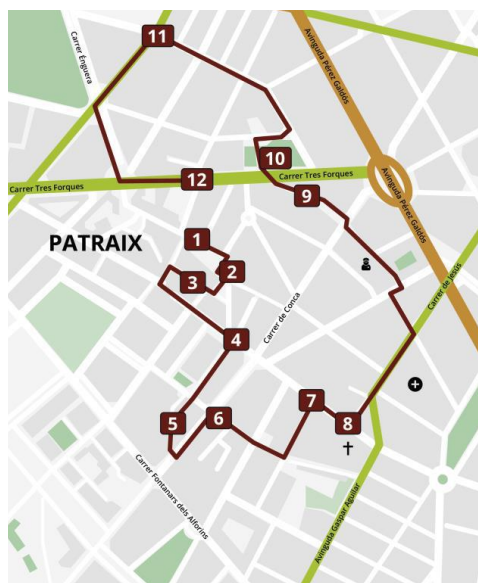


## 6. Group of houses Virgin of the Forsaken of Patraix



It is a group of social housing located in the junction of Pio XI Street and Manuel Simó Street. They were built by the archbishop of València Marcelino Olaechea y Loizaga, with the collection of the raffle that was in the Plaza de la Virgen. Olaechea, together with Acción Católica, initiated the steps to create the Patronato de Nuestra Señora de los Desamparados in 1948, two of its greatest assets being Luis Campos and Pablo Meléndez, who give their names to two of the neighbourhood's streets. Other neighbourhood streets receive names of persons linked to Acción Católica, such as Manuel Simó and María Jordán, as well as Pio XI, the pope who promoted said organization during its pontificate.

The first group of houses to be built was this one in Patraix, consisting of 272 houses. Designed by Pablo Soler, they were built in two stages in 1949 and 1950. Later groups of houses were built in San Marcelino, Tendetes and Benicalap. The houses had three rooms, with a Surface area of about 60 m<sup>2</sup>, and were rented out to low-income families.

On the corner of Pío XI and Manuel Simó streets there are two images of the Virgin of the Forsaken, patron saint of València, which gives its name to the group of houses. One is on the façade of the building and the other in a small chapel on the ground floor.

The interior streets of Luis Campos and Pablo Meléndez, which are accessed through entrance arches and where the buildings of the old schools of the neighbourhood are located, are of interest.

The neighbourhood has an association that organises its festivities in May, dedicated to the Virgin of the Forsaken, which include a dansà (traditional Valencian dance) and the installation of the Cruz de Mayo -Cross of May- (floral monument also traditional of València).

### **General information**

**Address:** Pío XI Street with Manuel Simó Street.

### **Accessibility**

**Access:** Accessible Street with lowered pavement. Access to the interior with a step.

**Parking:** Parking space reserved for persons with reduced mobility on Pío XI Street 13