

# **Manifesto of Adhesion to the request for the cession of spaces of the Monastery of San Isidoro del Campo in Santiponce to the Autonomous Evangelical Council of Andalusia**

We subscribe to this manifesto, expressing our firm and deep adherence to the claim of the Monastery of San Isidoro del Campo, in Santiponce, as a cultural, historical, and spiritual heritage of invaluable value for Andalusia and for the entire Spanish State.

We recognize that this monument, founded in 1301 by Don Alonso Pérez de Guzmán and his wife, Doña María Alonso Coronel, and later bequeathed to the Order of Cistercians and Jerónimos, represents a heritage treasure of immeasurable cultural, artistic, and architectural value. Its imposing presence and rich history have left an indelible mark on the course of Andalusia and Spain. In recognition of its importance, it was declared a Cultural Asset of Interest with the category of monument on April 10, 1872, assigned to the Andalusian Institute of Historical Heritage, becoming one of the first Sevillian monuments to receive this official distinction.

The Monastery of San Isidoro del Campo was the setting for the development of the first Bible in Spanish, known as the Bear Bible, a pioneering work that represented a cultural and spiritual revolution in the history of the Reformation in Spain. It was there that the resistance against intolerance took shape, and the values of religious freedom and direct access to the Scriptures were breathed, which we continue to defend and promote today.

Its history, marked by figures such as Casiodoro de Reina, Cipriano de Valera, Antonio del Corro, Garci Arias, and Julián Hernández, as well as by the reforming spirit that flourished there and was later persecuted by the Inquisition, constitutes an irrenounceable legacy for evangelical Christians and for all citizens who value religious plurality, freedom of conscience, and historical memory.

Therefore, we express our support for the request and the transfer of the spaces known as the Molino Building, Pósito Building, as well as their surrounding areas belonging to the Monastery of San Isidoro del Campo in Santiponce to the Evangelical Council of Andalusia for public use, whose intention is to actively collaborate in the recovery, protection, and enhancement of the Monastery, given the lack of its use, conservation, and adequate protection, which has led to the progressive deterioration of its structures and interior elements, potentially resulting in a loss for current and future generations of an essential part of our common heritage. The proposed transfer would allow for the reversal of this situation and would prevent the irreversible loss of a first-rate cultural asset. The aim of this is to establish in those spaces a Center for the Interpretation of the Bear Bible, permanent and temporary exhibitions, a Hall for Events, Training Classrooms, and other social uses.

We reaffirm our commitment to building a more inclusive, respectful, and aware society of its common heritage, in which the history of the Monastery of San Isidoro del Campo occupies the rightful place it deserves as a symbol of those who fought for justice and truth.

For memory, freedom, and a common future! San Isidoro del Campo must be preserved, known, and shared.

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