

September 28, 2007

Death Notice No. 24 (To all Unit Administrations):



The Province of Madrid, recommends to our fraternal prayers our dear brother, **ANTONIO DE LA TORRE**, who died in the service of the Blessed Virgin Mary on September 20, 2007 in Madrid, Spain in the 83rd year of his age and the 65th year of his religious profession.

Our brother, Antonio (Amancio) de la Torre Alonso, was born in La Vid de Bureba (Burgos, Spain) on April 8, 1925. His parents were Teófile and Cándida. He came from a family of seven children: four boys and three girls. He was baptized on April 19, 1925 and confirmed on April 12, 1929.

At the age of 14, he entered the Marianist postulate at Escoriaza (Guipúzcoa, Spain) on September 2, 1939, where he spent the next three years. He began the novitiate in Elorrio (Vizcaya) on September 3, 1942 and made his first profession there on September 12, 1943. He was destined to be a teacher.

During the school year 1943-44, he moved to Segovia as a scholastic and continued his studies at Carabanchel Alto (Madrid). After completing his degree, he began his studies to obtain his teaching license. This he obtained in Valencia in 1948.

In conjunction with the celebration of the centennial of the death of the Founder, Fr. Chaminade, he professed his Perpetual Vows on April 12, 1950. By September of 1947, he had already begun his journey throughout the various Marianist schools, as an elementary school teacher concentrated in Mathematics and the Natural Sciences. This journey was to include:

- 1947-49 - Colegio El Pilar in Valencia
- 1949-54 – Colegio El Pilar in Tetuán (as well as military service in Africa)
- 1954-55 – Colegio El Pilar in Valladolid (also serving as prefect of postulants)
- 1955-58 – Colegio El Pilar in Madrid
- 1958-60 – Colegio San Filipe in Cádiz
- 1960-61 – once again at El Pilar in Tetuán
- 1961-62 – Second Novitiate at Castalgandolfo (near Rome)
- 1962-64 - once again at El Pilar in Tetuán
- 1964-66 – Colegio El Pilar in Jerez de la Frontera
- 1966-70 – at the Rodríguez Fabrés Foundation in Salamanca
- 1970-81 – Our Lady of the Prado in Ciudad Real
- 1981-05 – Colegio El Pilar in Valladolid (retiring in 2002)
- 2005-07 – Siquem Marianist Care Center in Madrid (where he died)

By his full life, lived with a simple and natural good spirit, he has thankfully left us a great testimony and example:

- In his many assignments as we see one whose religious obedience managed to overcome personal trials and difficulties of circumstances; one who, with sacrifice and patience, was able to live the life to which he was called.
- In his profound sense of “Family Spirit”, as he always practiced gratitude and generous service, both in the communities in which he lived, and the schools in which he served.
- In the way he gave himself fully to his professional work. He was conscientious and committed, not being satisfied to learn things halfway.
- In his peak moments as a faithful religious celebrating with renewed zeal and gratitude his jubilees as a Marianist: 25th (1968), 50th (1993) and 60th (2003)

We are most grateful for his life and ask the Lord to reward him abundantly for his dedication and service to Mary.

May he rest in Peace!