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



The Province of Madrid, recommends to our fraternal prayers our dear brother, **CECILO GONZÁLEZ MARTÍNEZ**, of the Marianist Community of Siquem (Madrid) who died in the service of the Blessed Virgin Mary on December 29, 2009 in Madrid, Spain, in the 85th year of his age and the 66th year of his religious profession.

Our Brother Cecilio was born in Cobos de Cerrato (Palencia) on 22 November 1925. His family, a deeply Christian one, included his parents, Vidal and Erenia, and their four children: Cecilio, Cilinia, Sabina and Victoriano.

He received the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation in Cobos de Cerrato. He entered the postulate in Escoriaza (Guipúzcoa) on 4 November 1938. On 18 September 1943 he entered the novitiate in Elorrio (Vizcaya), where he made his first vows on 21 September 1944.

He completed his religious and academic studies in the Scholasticate in Segovia and in Carabanchel Alto. He finished his studies for the Magisterio degree in the Normal School of Guadalajara in 1948.

In September of 1947 he began his teaching work in the colegios of San Juan Bautista in Jerez (1947-1952) and of Nuestra Señora del Prado in Ciudad Real (1952-1956).

In 1950, at the time of the Centenary of the death of Father Chaminade, he made his perpetual profession in Saragossa. In 1956 he made a second novitiate in Castelgandolfo (Italy).

He returned to Ciudad Real (1957-1959) as prefect of the boarding students. Later, he was sent to the Colegio San Felipe Neri in Cádiz (1959-1960), also as prefect of boarding students. From 1960 to 1966, he was in charge of the Residence for university students in Salamanca.

From 1966 onwards he took on the responsibility of business manager in several colegios: Ciudad Real (1966-1967), Pola de Lena (1967-1985), Pilar in Madrid (1985-1991). Later he was business manager for the communities of Pilar in Madrid (1991-1999) and of Santa María del Pilar in Madrid (1999-2005). In 2005 he was sent to the community in Pola de Lena. His sister Cilina died in August 2009. His other sister Sabina had died the year before. These losses affected him greatly. With failing health he was sent in September 2009 to the provincial infirmary at Siquem, where he died.

He dedicated his entire life to serving the Brothers and the mission of the Province, sometimes with great responsibilities and other times in small services, but always with great fidelity. He was outstanding for his great availability and his follow-through, both in favorable moments and in times of difficulty. He played basketball enthusiastically in the colegios of Ciudad Real and of Pola de Lena.

May God and our Mother receive him into their glory!