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Death Notice No. 19 (To all Unit Administrations):



The Province of Madrid, recommends to our fraternal prayers our dear brother, **HERMINIO TORRALBA FERNÁNDEZ DE GAMBOA**, of the Marianist Community of Siquem (Madrid) who died in the service of the Blessed Virgin Mary on November 24, 2009 in Madrid, Spain in the 89th year of his age and the 72nd year of his religious profession.

Our Brother Herminio was born on 25 April 1921 in Ullibarri de Gamboa (Álava). His family, numerous and profoundly religious, included his parents Silvano and María Salomé and their seven children, five boys and two girls.

Encouraged by his Marianist uncle, Cayo Fernández de Gamboa, he entered the Postulate at Escoriaza on 4 November 1933. He entered the novitiate at Elorrio on 9 July 1937 and in the same place made his first profession on 5 September 1938.

He completed his studies for the bachelors degree in the Scholasticate in Segovia in three years. In 1941 he received the title of auxiliary teacher of science.

In September he was sent to Tangier as primary school teacher for six years (1941-1947). While there he completed his military service in the 58th Infantry Regiment and was demobilized on 30 November 1945. He made his perpetual profession in Escoriaza on 15 August 1947. In September of the same year he was sent to Cádiz, remaining there for 5 years as prefect of boarding students and mathematics teacher. In 1952 he was transferred to Tangier for three years. The next three years he was in Tetuán, and between 1958 and 1963 he was employed as entry-level teacher in the Colegio of Cádiz.

From 1963 to 1968 he was in the Colegio de Pola de Lena as business manager and teacher of mathematics. Then there were two years as business manager of the Colegio de Santa Ana y San Rafael.

He received an assignment in September 1970 for the Instituto Filial de Burgos, San José Artisano, in which he worked for three years. Between 1973 and 1975 he was teacher and business manager in Ciudad Real. Afterwards he was transferred to the community of the Postulate in Carabanchel Alto and worked as business manager of the Colegio Amorós for six years. From 1981 to 1983 he returned to Ciudad Real as business manager and from 1983 to 1994 he worked in the Business Office of the Colegio del Pilar in Madrid.

Between 1994 and 2005 he gave his services to the community of San Isidro and in the parish of María, Madre de la Iglesia.

Since 2005, now retired and infirm, he lived in the Marianist infirmary in Siquem.

Throughout his life he lived in a permanent state of mission in the various communities to which he belonged, and offered his administrative and parochial services.

He has left us a pleasant memory of a religious life that was conscientious, simple and grateful.

May God, our Father, reward his fidelity. May he rest in peace!