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Death Notice No. 2 (To all Unit Administrations):



The Province of Zaragoza and the Region of Switzerland, recommend to our fraternal prayers our dear brother, **JUAN MARÍA ARTADI ECHEVARRÍA**, priest, of the Province of Zaragoza, resident of the Marianist Community of Fribourg, who died in the service of the Blessed Virgin Mary on January 27, 2010 in Fribourg, Switzerland in the 83rd year of his age and the 65th year of his religious profession.

Father Juan María was born in Placencia de las Armas (Spain) on August 21, 1927. He studied with the Marianists in the Colegio Santa María in Vitoria and entered the novitiate in Elorrio on August 24, 1944 where he made his first profession of vows in 1945.

He then studied in the scholasticate at Carabanchel. In September 1948 he began his work as a teacher in Madrid, and in October 1949 earned his Licentiate in Philosophy with highest honors. He made his perpetual profession on April 12, 1950 in Saragossa. In October of that year he entered the Marianist Seminary in Fribourg, Switzerland, where he was ordained priest on July 12, 1953. In June 1954 he completed the Licentiate in Sacred Theology. He began studies in Rome for the Doctorate in Sacred Theology in September 1954, but did not finish it there.

In 1955 he was sent to Saragossa as Director of the Marianist Scholasticate.

In 1958 he moved to the Colegio in the same city as teacher and chaplain. In 1960 he returned to Fribourg as Head of Instruction for the seminarians. Six years later, he was sent to Valencia as Director of the Colegio and Superior of the community. In 1969 he was assigned to Saragossa again as chaplain of the Marianist Scholasticate.

In 1971 he returned Fribourg. First, he as a member of the formation team of the Marianist Seminary until it was transferred to Rome. Then, beginning in 1977 he was responsible for a course in Moral Theology in the Faculty of Theology at the University of Fribourg. From 1990 to 1997 he continued to teach courses as an associate professor.

Since 1995 he had been a member of the Swiss Marianist Community of Fribourg, where he always felt welcome and at home. During his last years he was not able to get around much, due to circulation problems in his feet, but dedicated himself to study, in a

“solitude of solidarity,” as he put it, attentive to what was happening in the Church, in the Society of Mary, in the Province of Saragossa and in the Region of Switzerland.

Father Juan María Artadi was an intellectual, dedicated to moral theology. He was a restless spirit, with a critical and open mind. He was a good teacher, much appreciated by his students at the University. At the same time, from his first years as a member of the formation team in the Seminary, he dedicated himself to the Spanish emigrant workers, at that time very numerous in Switzerland, and to the chaplains sent from Spain to care for them. For this work he received an official honor in Spain, but above all the gratitude and the affection of the many emigrants whom he helped until the end of his life.

A man with a big heart, he was also a good counselor, a cordial person who supported many religious and priests in moments of crisis, and who knew quite well how to understand simple people with little education, with whom he got along very well.

May he rest in peace!