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**Death Notice No. 20 (To all Unit Administrations):**



The Province of Madrid, recommends to our fraternal prayers our dear brother, **FABIÁN FERNÁNDEZ DE ALARCÓN**, priest of the Vallecas Community, who died in the service of the Blessed Virgin Mary on August 24, 2008 in Madrid, Spain, in the 73<sup>rd</sup> year of his age and the 54<sup>th</sup> year of his religious profession.

Fabián was born in Madrid on February 22, 1936 into a large and deeply Christian family headed by his parents, Fabián Fernández de Alarcón and María del Carmen Herrero. He was the third of six children: Mariano, María Luisa, Fabián, José Ramón, Javier and Rafael. Fabián was baptized on March 14, 1936 in the parish of San Sebastián in Madrid. He was confirmed on March 19, 1943 in

Sacred Heart Parish, also in Madrid.

Fabián did his elementary and high school studies at the Marianist Colegio de Nuestra Señora del Pilar in Madrid graduating with honors in June of 1953.

Attracted to a religious vocation, he entered the Marianist Novitiate at Valladolid on October 20, 1953, where, after having completed the year, he professed his First Vows on November 11, 1954. He was orientated towards teaching and the priesthood.

Immediately following his profession, he began four years of university study at the Scholasticate of Ntra. Sra. del Pilar in Carabanchel Alto, Madrid. He majored in Mathematical Sciences at the Central University of Madrid.

In 1958 he began to work as a teacher in various Marianist secondary schools:

His first assignment was to Colegio de Ntra. Sra. Del Pilar of Tetuán (Morroco), where he taught various upper level mathematics courses, and also served as Prefect of the older students. His educational work there lasted three years (1958 to 1961).

On August 23, 1959 he made his Perpetual Profession as a Marianist at a celebration held in Vitoria.

For the school year 1961-62, he resided at Colegio del Pilar in Madrid, as a student, in order to complete his studies for his graduate degree in Mathematical Sciences. This he achieved in June of 1962. During this same year, he also did apostolic work with CUMI ( University Congregation of Mary Immaculate).

For 1962-63, he received a new assignment at Colegio de Ntra. Sra. del Prado in Ciudad Real, as Mathematics teach for the 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> forms in the college-prep program. He remained there for one school year. For the next two years, he returned to his Colegio del Pilar in Madrid (1963 to 1965) to teach math in the college-prep level and moderate the school's CUMI program.

Between 1965 and 1969 he was assigned to the Marianist International Seminary “Regina Mundi” in Fribourg, Switzerland. In those for years, he completed his preparation for priestly ordination (March 22, 1969) and completed his doctorate in Theology the same year. He rounded off his formation with studies in Brussels, Belgium during the school year (1969-1970).

Returning to Spain in 1970, he was assigned to be Chaplain at Colegio Mayor Universitario “Chaminade” in Madrid, serving there for two years and additionally, as sub-director during the second year. His stay there was extended from 1972-74, as he was appointed superior of that community. It was a very important assignment because he also occupied the position of University Sector Delegate for CEMI (Marianist Educational Institution Council).

When September came around again, he changed both the nature and focus of his work. Now, he was going to work with the people in the city neighborhoods and in the parishes of Vallecas, a section of Madrid.

Between 1974 and 1984 he assumed responsibilities as coadjutor and pastor of Maria Reina along with fellow Marianists José Antonio Romeo, Julio Santamaría, Martín Valmaseda,...

From 1984 until the end of his life he was a priest of the parish of Ntra. Sra. del Fontarrón, He died on August 24, 2008.

In thinking about Fabián, his generosity stands out. He was indeed a “good” person. From this generosity sprang his desire to give his life to the poorest people. His commitment to the parish and to the neighborhood of Fontarrón; his trust of people and his capacity to delegate to others; his ability to listen and convey peace and serenity; all made him a very special religious. In the Eucharist that was celebrated on the main square of Fontarrón, many people expressed their gratitude for having known Fabián while he was alive, and for have walked with him in faith.

Fabián often liked to speak about the Beatitudes. In thinking of Fabián we can surely say: “Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall have mercy. Blessed are those who work for peace, for they will be called ‘Sons of God’.”