

July 2, 2007

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



The Province of Madrid, recommends to our fraternal prayers our dear brother, **NEMESIO SUSO PÉREZ**, who died in the service of the Blessed Virgin Mary on June 25, 2007 in Madrid, Spain in the 90<sup>th</sup> year of his age and the 71<sup>st</sup> year of his religious profession.

Nemesio Suso was born on February 20, 1918 in Santa Cruz de Campezo (Álava), Spain. His parents were Andrés and Engracia. When he was thirteen years old, he entered the Marianist postulate at Escoriaza. At eighteen years old, on July 10, 1936, he made his first profession at Elorrio. He was drafted in 1938 and became a stretcher-bearer for the medical corps until the end of the Spanish Civil War.

He continued his studies in Segovia and in 1940 was sent to Cádiz. Later on, he was assigned to the following communities: Madrid (1942-1943), Tetuán (1943-1947), Cádiz (1947-1950), Carabanchel (1950-1951). (Second Noviciate), Ciudad Real (1951-1954), Carabanchel (1954-1955), Santa Ana (1955-1956), Tánger (1956-1958), Jerez de la Frontera (1958-1961), Tánger (1961-1962), Cádiz (1962-1967) and Santa María del Pilar in Madrid, where he spent 40 years, from 1967 until the day of his death.

This past year, he celebrated 70 years as a Marianist religious. He was very active in his retirement years, working as an assistant in two centers for the aged. He enjoyed leading them on excursions throughout Madrid. He knew Retiro Park, which was very near his community, quite well. He could distinguish all the different types of birds that lived in the park, and knew all the names of the trees as well. When walking with him in Retiro, one could always see that he had a true vocation to be a teacher, as he clearly enjoyed explaining all of the details of the park. He also enjoyed music. He belonged to a choir and gladly shared a song with his brothers at any community or provincial celebration.

He underwent an operation on June 25<sup>th</sup> for an aneurism of the aorta. He died during the procedure, as he was singing fragments from *zarzuelas* (light Spanish operas).

We are grateful to the Lord for his life, which he lived so fully. By showing us the beauty of nature, and singing about the beauty of life, Nemesio has given witness that life overcomes all trials and is truly a gift from God.

May he rest in Peace!