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**Death Notice No. 7 (To all Unit Administrations):**



The Province of Spain, recommends to our fraternal prayers our dear brother, **CÁNDIDO ORTIZ DE ELGUEA ECHAZARRETA**, of the Siquem Marianist Community, who died in the service of the Blessed Virgin Mary on March 24, 2012 in Madrid, at the age of 89 with 70 years of religious profession.

Our brother Cándido was born in Izarza (Alava) on June 6, 1922, into a profoundly religious family, the son of Cástor and Tecla and brother of Gregorio and Felipa.

Brother Cándido was baptized in the Parish of Izarza Iralucia on the day following his birth and was confirmed in Vitoria on May 20, 1927.

He entered the Postulate in Vitoria in October of 1935, and the Novitiate in Elorrio in July of 1940. The following year, on September 12, 1941, he professed his first vows as a religious in Elorrio. His perpetual profession in the Society was made in Escoriaza, five years later, on August 22, 1946.

As was mandatory at that time, he had to join the army, which he did in Segovia in 1942, serving in the Wad Ras Regiment quartered in Carabanchel (Madrid).

After two years in the Scholasticates of Segovia and Carabanchel, on September 30, 1944, he began his teaching career in the primary grades of the Colegio de Nuestra Señora del Pilar in Madrid, until five years later he was transferred to Segovia as a teacher for the postulantes, becoming Director of the Postulate in 1956.

In 1958 he was transferred to the Postulate in Valladolid, where he began to develop another of the occupations that would take up a good part of his life: that of business manager. He remained in Valladolid until 1982. It was a long and economically difficult period, but good for him because his work allowed him to be in contact with the countryside, which was very close. The odd rabbit, hare or partridge also took note of the presence of Cándido, as he wandered, shotgun at his shoulder, through the Valladolid fields.

Obedience sent him in 1982 to take charge, as Superior of the Community of La Parra (Avila). There he also worked as business manager until 1985, when he moved to the colegio in Pola de Lena with the same function.

Some years later he was transferred to Madrid to take charge of the Provincial Administration house in Calle Anunciación, of the Provincial Infirmary which began to operate there, and at the same time offered his administrative services to the Fundación Santa María.

In 1993 the “Siquem” Provincial Infirmary was established in Calle Joaquín Turina in Carabanchel, and Cándido was transferred there, while continuing his collaboration with the Fundación Santa María.

Five years later he moved to the Community of Santa María at Calle Reyes Magos, no. 3, Madrid, working for the Fundación Santa María, and in 1999 he went to the Provincial Administration, this time as superior of the community, until his retirement in 2002. Although retired, he continued to lend his services to the community, being always affectionate, cheerful, helpful and efficient.

Brother Cándido completed his studies for teaching, attaining the level of National Master (*Maestro Nacional*) in Segovia and later, in Madrid, he became an Assistant in Letters (*Auxiliar de Letras*).

Brother Cándido was a vital person, of a great character and a big heart, which made him appreciated and loved by everyone who had the luck to know him and to share his life.

May he rest in peace.