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



The Province of Spain, recommends to our fraternal prayers our dear brother, **CELESTINO MORAZA MARTÍNEZ**, priest of the Barcelona Community, Spain, who died in the service of the Blessed Virgin Mary on September 4, 2012 in Barcelona, Spain, at the age of 94 with 77 years of religious profession.

Our brother Celestino was born in La Puebla de Arganzón (Burgos) on April 6, 1918, and baptized in the parish of the same town a few days later. His parents, Ángel and Paula, later lived in Vitoria.

He entered the postulate in Escoriaza in 1930 and then the novitiate in Elorrio (Vizcaya) in 1934. He made his first profession there the following year on July 10, 1935.

Mobilized for military service towards the end of 1937, during the Spanish Civil War he was sent to the Medical Corps of Region VI, offering his services in the “Molinonuevo” Hospital of Vitoria until the end of the conflict. He was mustered out in August of 1939.

He made his perpetual profession in Escoriaza in 1942 as a clerical student.

He earned the Licentiate in History at the University of Zaragoza on June 9, 1945.

He completed his ecclesiastical studies at the Marianist Seminary and the University of Fribourg in Switzerland, where he was ordained on July 18, 1948.

His first assignment, in September 1939, was in Vitoria, where he was a primary teacher for two years, then moving to Escoriaza in 1942 to teach the postulants. He returned there as a priest, working as chaplain and recruiter. Years later, in 1957, he was sent to teach in the Colegio de San Sebastián, and later to Barcelona as assistant pastor.

On January 1, 1962, he was named pastor of St. Christopher’s Parish in Barcelona, where he exercised his priestly functions and directed the Special School joined to the parish until 2003.

Later, retired and infirm, he remained until his death in the Community of Barcelona.

Fr. Celestino was a kind, lovable and deeply religious Marianist, who enjoyed the esteem and appreciation of all during his long life.

May he rest in peace.