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**Death Notice No. 33 (To all Unit Administrations):**



The Province of Spain, recommends to our fraternal prayers our dear brother, **JOAQUÍN ARROYO BLANCO**, of the Santa Maria Marianist Community (Madrid), who died in the service of the Blessed Virgin Mary on December 12, 2012 at the Siquem Marianist Community, Madrid, Spain, at the age of 86 with 70 years of religious profession.

Bro. Joaquín Arroyo Blanco was born to Joaquín Arroyo and Agustina Blanco in Villa Ducal de Lerma (Burgos) on February 7, 1926, and was baptized in the same town a few days later (February 20, 1926). Five years later he received Confirmation in the same town (May 5, 1931). At the age of twelve he entered the Postulate of Escoriaza (Guipúzcoa), where he studied for three years, until on September 11, 1941, he went to the Novitiate of Elorrio (Vizcaya).

He made his first profession as a Marianist religious the following year, 1942. While in the Scholasticate of Carabanchel Alto (Madrid) from 1943 to 1947, he renewed his temporary vows, and did the same in Cádiz in 1948. He celebrated his perpetual profession in Escoriaza on August 15, 1949. Three years before he had had to report for his obligatory military service, which he did in Ciudad Real in 1946. He was sent to Africa, serving his training period in the plaza of Tetuán and being discharged two years later in 1948.

His first assignment was the Scholasticate of Segovia in September 1942, then to the Scholasticate of Carabanchel the following year, then under the direction of Bro. Lorenzo Reca and subsequently of Bro. Jesús San Vicente. He began his teaching career in Ciudad Real in the primary school and later in Tetuán, where he had to go for his military service. Upon his discharge from the military he was sent to Cádiz as a teacher at the secondary level, having as superiors and directors Fr. Victoriano Pardo and Fr. José María Ruz. In 1958 he did his second novitiate in Castelgandolfo (Italy) and then went again to Ciudad Real where he remained as teacher and business manager until 1966, when he was sent to Cádiz. 1967 was a difficult year for Bro. Joaquín, who was ill in the community of Valladolid, his superior being Fr. Fernando Cano-Manuel. He was one of the Marianists who lived in the capital of Burgos from the foundation of the Society there with Bro. Juan Rastrilla as his first superior and then, in 1969, with Bro. Tomás Tubilleja as his second.

In September 1970 he began a long stay as a teacher at the Colegio de Nuestra Señora del Pilar, at Castello, 56, Madrid, a stay that lasted twenty-four years, from 1970 to 1994. His superiors during that time were, successively, Frs. Agapito Güemes, Enrique Torres, Antonio Bringas, Francisco de Lora, Julián Vicario, José Luis Martínez and José María Osborne. In 1994 he moved to the Provincial Administration Community, also in Madrid, in Calle Anunciación. There he lived as a retired brother for the next fifteen years, until in 2009 he moved to the Community of Santa María del Pilar. He

resided there until one month ago (November 2012), when he was sent to the Community of Siquem on account of his delicate health.

Bro. Joaquín earned his teaching credentials in 1946 in the Normal School of Guadalajara, where the Marianist religious studying for the Master's in Madrid usually took their exams. One year before graduating from the Normal School of Guadalajara (1945), he had received the bachelor's degree from the Universidad Complutense of Madrid.

Bro. Joaquín Arroyo was a cordial, affable person, although not without occasional bursts of anger, and very sociable, so that he enjoyed many acquaintances and friendships and actively maintained his relationships until shortly before his death. Although his health had deteriorated a bit, his death was a surprise by the rapidity with which it happened.

May our brother, who remained faithful to his vows and commitments until the end of his life rest in the peace of the Lord.