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Death Notice No. 2 (To all Unit Administrations):



The Province of Spain, recommends to our fraternal prayers our dear brother, **PEDRO GONZÁLEZ BLASCO**, of the Anunciación Community, Madrid, Spain, who died in the service of the Blessed Virgin Mary on January 23, 2013 in Madrid, Spain, at the age of 75 with 52 years of religious profession.

Brother Pedro González Blasco was the son of Gonzalo González and Concepción Blasco. He was born in Valdevellano de Tera (Soria), a town which he loved dearly and which he shared on vacations with his family.

An alumnus of the Colegio de Nuestra Señora del Pilar de Madrid, he entered the Novitiate of La Parra (Avila) in 1959. He made his first profession as a Marianist brother the next year, and continued as a scholastic in Carabanchel Alto (Madrid). During the following years he renewed his temporary vows and celebrated his perpetual profession in Vitoria on August 15, 1964.

In 1962 he was assigned to the community of his alma mater at Nuestra Señora del Pilar in Madrid, where he began teaching on the secondary level. Later, in 1966, he was sent to the Colegio Mayor Chaminade which the Province of Madrid had just opened with Fr. Francisco Armentia as superior. Pedro held the position of subdirector until 1970, at the same time that he was prefect of the group of scholastics attending university.

From 1970 to 1972 he was in the community of Mineola, New York (USA), as a student. Upon his return he went again to the Colegio Mayor Chaminade, this time as its Director until 1974, when he was named Director General of Ediciones S.M.; he remained in that position until 1978. That year he moved to the community of San Isidro (Madrid). Since 1972 he had been a teacher at several universities, first as a part-time professor and later as a chair holder: the Autonoma of Madrid, the University of Alcalá of Henares, the Pontifical University of Salamanca, the Complutense of Madrid and the University of Saragossa.

He was named Provincial Treasurer in 1982 and became a member of the Community of the Annunciation until 1987.

In September 1988 he began a long stay in the community of San Isidro Labrador in Madrid until 2011, juggling his responsibilities as a university professor, Delegated Councilor of the Ediciones S.M. and Director of Ediciones S.M. His excellent professional preparation, his huge capacity for work and his generous availability brought him to take on various missions in the Society of Mary, in the Church, in the university and in society at large.

Being a good administrator, he accepted the management of ESCUNI – Escuela de Magisterio de la Iglesia de Madrid --, Treasurer of the Fundación Chaminade, and was responsible for the provincial library and was a community superior. He carried out several sociological researches on Spanish youth and was invited by various institutions to give conferences and to participate in learned meetings. He was elected as provincial and general capitulants many times.

Upon the erection of the Province of Spain in September 2011, Pedro moved to the Annunciation Community in Madrid, the seat of the new Provincial Administration, as Provincial Secretary and Archivist. Those responsibilities alternated with administration of ESCUNI and the Fundación Chaminade, and in September 2012 he was named superior of the community. During last Christmas vacation, Pedro participated in a pilgrimage to the Holy Land organized by the Province for the Year of Faith. Upon his return, he continued his usual work until a septicemia ended his life within a few days.

Pedro held Licentiate degrees in Physics, Political Science and Sociology, and in Economics and Business; doctorates in Sociology from Yale University (USA) and in Political Science from the Universidad Complutense of Madrid; a diploma (postgraduate certification) in Philosophy from the Faculty of St. Damasus in Madrid, and had done studies in Bible and in Church History at the Pontifical University of Salamanca. He had received fellowships from the American Association of European Studies of Yale University (USA) and the Salzburg Seminar (Austria); he was a member of the New York Academy of Sciences.

His researches were concentrated principally in the areas of R & D, youth, family, religion and values. He participated for several years in the sociological studies published by the Fundación Santa María. He wrote some books and numerous articles for various specialized journals.

Pedro was a man of faith, a loving religious in the Society of Mary, to which he always brought his availability and his know-how. In community he was affable, attentive to the brothers and simple in his dealings with them. He liked to create living spaces and common recreations. He faithfully incarnated something which he himself wrote in 1970: “In his personal growth, under the gaze and voice of God, each man must seek to accomplish it in such a way as to bring it to the service of others.”

We thank Pedro for all his religious and professional contributions. He went about doing good in this world, like the Lord, and we trust that he now enjoys his presence in eternal life.