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**Death Notice No. 9 (To all Unit Administrations):**



The Province of Spain, recommends to our fraternal prayers our dear brother, **RAMÓN ELETA**, priest of the Colegio Santa María del Pilar Community (Zaragoza), who died in the service of the Blessed Virgin Mary on April 9, 2013 in Zaragoza, Spain, at the age of 79 with 63 years of religious profession

Our brother Ramón was born on August 14, 1933, in Vitoria (Álava). His parents, Aquilino and María Paz, had a numerous, deeply religious and very Marianist family. They had five daughters and four sons, the latter alumni of the Marianist Colegio de Santa María in Vitoria.

Ramón entered the Postulate of Escoriaza (Guipúzcoa) on September 2, 1947, and the following year began his novitiate in Elorrio (Vizcaya), where he made his First Profession of vows on September 12, 1949. He then undertook his studies as a scholastic in Carabanchel through 1953, when he moved to the Colegio de Nuestra Señora del Pilar in Madrid to continue his university studies.

In 1954 he was sent to Saragossa as a student, graduating in 1956 from the University of Saragossa with his Licentiate in Mathematics. On August 28, 1955, he had made his Perpetual Profession in Vitoria, with the then Assistant General, Father Paul Hoffer, presiding.

He remained in Saragossa until 1963, working as a teacher (1955-1960) and as business manager and teacher at the Scholasticate (1960-1963).

Ramón's next assignment, in 1963, was to San Sebastián, where he taught. A year later he began his seminary studies in Fribourg (Switzerland), earning the Licentiate in Theology (1968). He was ordained priest on March 30, 1968. In September of the same year he moved on to the community in Valencia, where he remained until 1970, fulfilling the responsibilities of chaplain and teacher.

From 1970 to 1972 Ramón was assigned to Logroño, where he continued to function as a chaplain and teacher. From 1972 to 1974 he returned to Vitoria as Superior of the Marianist community at the Colegio Santa María there.

In 1974 he returned to Madrid to work in the Editorial SM. He remained in the capital until 1979, combining his work in the Editorial with the responsibility of Superior of the community.

Ramón's next assignment was to the Parish of San José Obrero in Burjassot, where he remained from 1979 until 1985 as parochial vicar.

Then he spent one year in Logroño (1985-1986), again fulfilling the roles of chaplain and teacher. From 1986 to 1989 he was assigned to the Colegio de Santa María del Pilar (Saragossa), where he continued to work as chaplain and teacher.

In 1989 he moved to the parish of San Cristóbal in Barcelona as assistant pastor. He remained there until 1997 when he returned again to the colegio community in Saragossa as chaplain until his retirement in 2006. He remained a member of that community until the day of his death, April 9, 2013.

Since he was very young, Ramón had lived with a chronic diabetes that required on-going checking of his glucose level and constant medication. He had several serious life-endangering health crises. In consequence of his infirmity, one eye was removed and he underwent various amputations that ended up with the loss of both feet. In spite of all that, he lived with a joyful and optimistic spirit, and was accustomed to remarking how marvelous life is. Being a very affective person, he always insisted that living with love is the most important thing in life. He liked to enjoy the pleasures of life.

Ramón was an avid movie fan. He wanted to educate himself for the pastoral and educational use of this art and took several courses on it. When his health no longer allowed him to have any external activities, he spent long hours watching films with the little vision he still had. He also loved music, especially singing. He participated in several choirs in the various places where he was, and enjoyed singing and playing the guitar in his pastoral activities.

Ramón was a Marianist with a profound religious sense. His naturally optimistic character was strengthened by his spirit of faith, leading him to a positive view of the various circumstances of his life, especially his serious health problems. He was fully conscious as his end approached. He received the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick with the other brothers of his community in a community celebration, and asked to celebrate also the sacrament of Reconciliation. All this gave him great peace, and with that he passed quietly to the house of the Father. Let us thank the Lord for him.