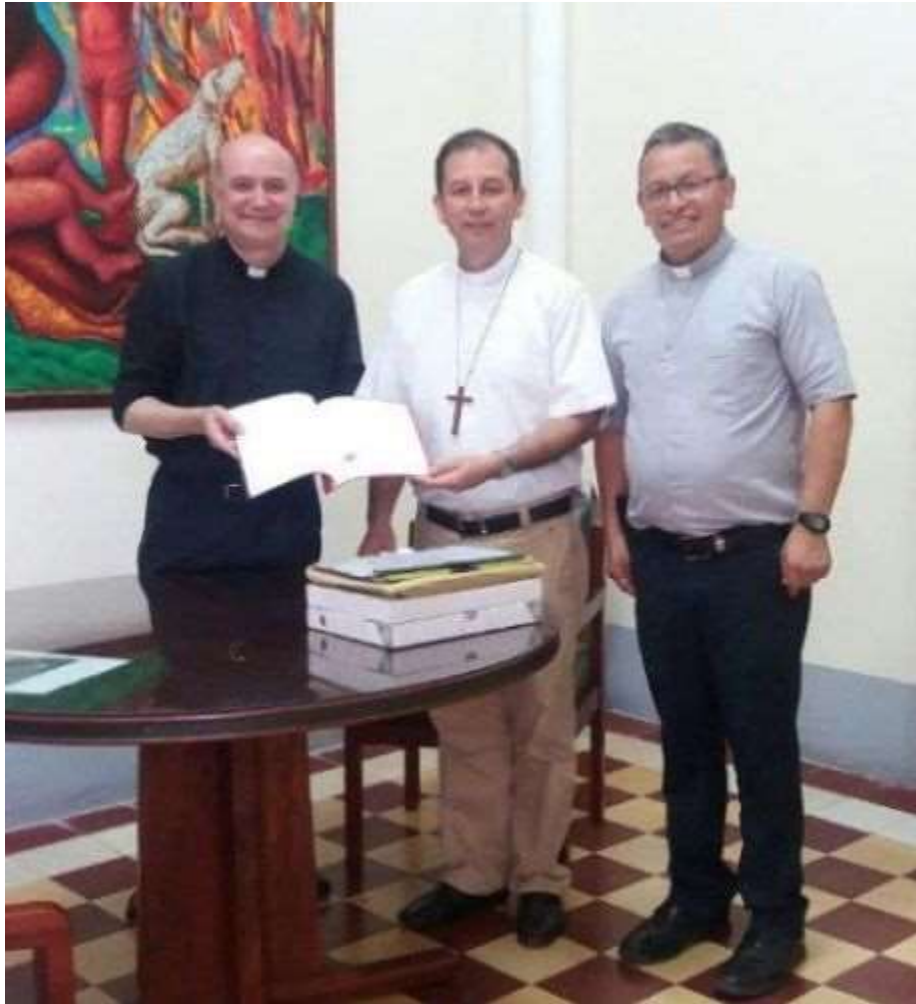


Petition to open the cause of Michel Quiroga



Moment of the delivery of the Supplex Libellus opening the cause. Left, Fr. Antonio Gascón, SM, Postulator; center, Mons. Barreto; right, Fr. Carlos Julio Barragán, SM, Regional Superior.

Fr. Antonio Gascón, SM, the postulator of the Society of Mary, traveled to Qibdó (Colombia) in order to petition the diocesan bishop, Mons. Juan Carlos Barreto, to open the cause of Miguel Angel Quiroga (“Michel”). He based the reasons for this petition on the way Miguel offered his life in an act of heroic charity. On Monday, March 4, Fr. Gascón, accompanied by Fr. Carlos Julio Barragán, SM, the Regional Superior of Colombia-Ecuador, was received by Mons. Barreto in his office at the

Bishop's residence. Fr. Gascón delivered the "Letter of Petition" (Supplex Libellus) to the Bishop for the opening of the cause. Along with this letter, he also gave the Bishop documents concerning Michel, conserved in the archives of the General Administration. In addition, he also handed the Bishop documents conserved in the Region of Spain and the Region of Colombia-Ecuador. Now, it is up to Mons. Barreto to establish a diocesan tribunal to question the witnesses.

We recall that a paramilitary patrol in Lloró killed Michel on September 18, 1998, when he was 25 years old. They killed him as he tried to defend the lives of a group of peasants. Michel was a young religious with temporary vows, stationed in the Marianist Community near the church of the Immaculate Conception in the town of Lloró. He was a religious with an intense spiritual life. He was a creative young man. Michel worked with great apostolic zeal for the Christian education of young people as well the social needs of the poor people. He valued his vocation and his religious consecration. He had a great love for Christ and the Virgin Mary. With our prayers, we hope for a good outcome for this new cause of the Society of Mary.

***Positio* Fr. Domingo Lázaro**

Dear brothers: On Tuesday of Holy Week, April 16, the ordinary session of Cardinals and Bishops of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints will examine the *Positio* regarding the sanctity and virtue of the life of Fr. Domingo Lázaro, SM. For this intention, the Marianist Postulator General requests prayers that, if it is God's will, our dear Fr. Domingo might receive a positive votum and thus be declared *venerable*.

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