

FAUSTINO PÉREZ-MANGLANO

- Born: 1946, Valencia, Spain
- Died: 1963, Valencia, Spain
- Venerated: 2011 by Pope Benedict XVI

A joyous and ordinary teen, Faustino was an extraordinary soul. While a student at a Marianist school, he made a promise to pray the Rosary daily, developing a deep love for Mary. He felt a call to be a Marianist religious, writing in his diary: “Maybe God will speak to me.” Diagnosed with cancer, he fully embraced his suffering with a smile, saying, “I want to suffer for Christ, who suffered so much for me.” Though he died at 16, he inspired St. Carlo Acutis, showing that sanctity is possible at any age. He died a Marianist in desire, his heart fully consecrated.

His Legacy: A model of youthful faith, joy in suffering and a reminder that God calls us all to holiness.



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