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### **Biography of Death Notice N. 3**

The Province of Spain recommends to our fraternal prayers our dear Brother **Guillermo SUÁREZ ÁLVAREZ** of the Marianist Community of Jerez de la Frontera, Spain, who died in the service of the Blessed Virgin Mary on March 6, 2024 in Jerez de la Frontera, at the age of 85 with 68 years of religious profession.

Guillermo was born on September 17, 1938, in the midst of the Spanish Civil War, in the beautiful coastal city of Cadiz. His birth was a surprise and a double joy for the family, because he was born with his twin brother Manuel. Sixteen years later, the two entered the Marianist novitiate and have persevered together in the Society of Mary ever since.

His parents, Luis and Clara, had five children, who were born in this order: first

María Elvira, then Clara, then Luis José (diocesan priest) and finally the twins, Manuel and Guillermo.

After his studies at the Marianist school San Felipe Neri in Cadiz, Guillermo and his brother Manolo entered the novitiate in Valladolid together on September 3, 1954. They made their first profession of vows in that Castilian city on February 11, 1956.

Guillermo then began his scholasticate period in Carabanchel, where he studied for four and a half years. This stage was followed by a period in which he began his mission as a teacher, first in Madrid for 3 years and then in Cadiz for another 2 years. In 1964, his superiors allowed him to return to school, where he completed his degree in Romance languages. From then on, Guillermo enjoyed a long period as an educator, teaching subjects related almost always to language and literature. He was a lover of Castilian literature and used all kinds of means to awaken in the students a taste for such literature, for example, looking for sung versions of some classic poems.

After more than 40 years of teaching, Guillermo was able to spend a sabbatical period in Rome. For two years, he and his brother Manolo enjoyed themselves in Rome, absorbing a great deal of the classical history and literature that can be found in that city.

His cultivated aesthetic sensibility also led him to enjoy classical music, especially organ concerts. Alumni from Ciudad Real still remember the annual literature and music gatherings that Guillermo used to organize in the cathedral church of the city.

He enjoyed the gift of friendship and tried to cultivate it. On the other hand, Guillermo's relationship with his brother Manolo was always a very special connection, being very attentive to each other.

Talking to some people on the day of his funeral in Jerez, several people remarked that, knowing his rather serious and critical character, it was striking how much the people who worked in the kitchen or who cleaned the school in the different places where he taught appreciated Guillermo. In addition, he was attentive to the teenage students of a more difficult age, with whom he talked amicably in the courtyard.

Except for brief stays of one year in Tetuan, Pola de Lena and two years in Rome, Guillermo lived almost his entire religious life in three places: in Madrid (10 years), in Jerez de la Frontera (18 years) and in Ciudad Real (33 years).

We give heartfelt thanks to God for the life of our brother Guillermo. May he rest in peace and accompany us from the luminous mystery of the communion of saints.

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