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Biography of Death Notice N. 22

The Region of Latin America and the Sector of Peru recommend to our fraternal prayers our dear brother **Ralph Joseph DOORACK LOBER**, priest, of the Santa María Reina Community of Lima, Peru, who died in the service of the Blessed Virgin Mary on October 12, 2025, in Lima, Peru, at the age of 96, with 78 years of religious profession.

Father Ralph Joseph Doorack Lober was born on December 23, 1928 in Saint Louis, Missouri, United States. He completed his secondary studies with the Marianists. He entered the Novitiate in Galesville, Wisconsin (USA), where he professed his first religious vows on August 15, 1947, and his perpetual vows on July 10, 1951.

He taught in various Marianist schools until 1955, the year in which he traveled to Switzerland to study at the Seminary. He was ordained on July 19, 1959.

Between 1960 and 1961 he studied spirituality in Rome. Upon his return to the United States, he served as a professor and chaplain.

He arrived in Peru on August 6, 1967, teaching at the Colegio Santa María until 1968. In 1969 he was assigned to the Colegio San Antonio, where he served as a teacher and chaplain for two years. In 1971 he was appointed Director of the school, a position he held until 1977.

Father Ralph had originally intended to stay in Peru for two years. However, seeing the needs of the people and the beauty of our country, he decided to stay. He became a Peruvian citizen in 1975. He came for two years and stayed forever.

In 1978 he was appointed Director and chaplain of the María Reina School, a position he held until 1982. He had great success in promoting the school. He strengthened the school so well that it is today one of the best educational institutions in Lima. In 1983 he was appointed parish priest of the Parish of Santa María Reina, where he carried out fruitful pastoral work, especially with the laity, collaborating in the foundation of Marianist Fraternities. He remained in office for eight years.

Between 1992 and 1993 he was Superior of the Marianist House of Formation of Pueblo Libre. Then, between 1993 and 1997, he served as pastor of the Parish of Mary Mother of the Redeemer, where he was also highly appreciated for his work and dedication. In 1997 he was appointed Chaplain of the San José Obrero School in Trujillo and Superior of the Marianist Community, having more direct contact with the Marianist Mission of Otuzco, to which he gave great strength.

In 2002 he returned to Lima to take over the Santa María Reina Parish again, a service he held until 2011. In 2012 he was assigned to the San José Obrero Community.

Father Ralph was a member of the Marianist Regional Council on several occasions, Spiritual Advisor of the Youth Meetings of Lima and main architect of the Marianist Mission of Otuzco. He was responsible for the foundation of the

Rural Pastoral Training Center "Madre María del Buen Consejo", Chami Radio and AMAS (Marianist Association of Social Action).

In 2020, while residing in the San José Obrero Community, during the pandemic, he was asked to return to Lima to live temporarily in the house of the former Santa María Community. A few months later he moved to the Santa María Reina Community in San Isidro, where on October 12, hand in hand with the Virgin of Pilar, he left for the House of our Father.
