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#### **Biography of Death Notice N. 4**

The Region of Austria-Germany recommends to our fraternal prayers our dear brother, **Heinz PELSTER**, of the Community of Chaminade House, Tragwein, Austria, who died in the service of the Blessed Virgin Mary on April 19, 2026 in Linz, Austria, at the age of 95 with 70 years of religious profession.

Brother Heinrich Pelster, born in Coesfeld-Lette (North Rhine-Westphalia) on August 4, 1930, spent his youth with his eight siblings in Spelle. He then attended the grammar school in Rheine until the whole school was moved to Golling (near Salzburg in Austria) in 1944 due to constant bombing raids. Influenced by these events, he returned to his homeland after the war. Initially interested in the engineering profession, he joined the Marianist religious community and, after his novitiate in Middel (Switzerland), took his religious vows on May 12, 1955.

His life now took a new direction. He went to Mainz, Cologne and Vienna to

become a teacher of German and geography for secondary schools and to obtain a diploma as an educator. From the very beginning, he was involved in helping to build up the Marianum in Fulda, which was founded 75 years ago (1951) and is thus celebrating an anniversary this year!

Heinz, as he liked to be called, as a teacher, boarding school director and Marianist, had found a good balance between his meticulous accuracy in keeping records and a warm and friendly interaction with his fellow human beings. He was a member of the Provincial Council for many years, held the office of Assistant Provincial of the Province of Austria-Germany and took part in two General Chapters in Rome.

Since he had made a number of longer visits to Austria in the course of his life, it was fortunately not difficult for him to move to Greisinghof in July 2011, because the community in Fulda had to be closed. With his love for the faith of the heart, his interest in literature and exercise in the fresh air, he settled quickly and well into his new home at the Greisinghof.

Old age finally caused him increasing discomfort and pain. On April 19, he died in the University Hospital in Linz. at the age of 95 with 70 years of his religious life.

We thank Heinz for his dedication and for his Marianist testimony of life. In God's love, may he now be perfect!

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