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**Death Notice No. 9 (To all Unit Administrations):**



The Province of Madrid, recommends to our fraternal prayers our dear brother, **FELIPE BERMÚDEZ FERNÁNDEZ**, of the Marianist Community of Siquem, Madrid, who died in the service of the Blessed Virgin Mary on June 4, 2009 in Madrid, Spain in the 80<sup>th</sup> year of his age and the 63<sup>rd</sup> year of his religious profession.

Our Brother Felipe was born in Elvillar (Alava), September 13, 1929. His family, profoundly Christian, included his parents Santiago Bermúdez and María Fernández and six children: Tomás, Adolfo, Mónica, Julián, Felipe and Águeda. Still living are Adolfo, Mónica and

Julián.

Felipe was baptized on September 19, 1929, and confirmed on September 19, 1938, in his home town.

He entered the Postulate at Escoriaza (Guipúzcoa) on September 30, 1941. After four years as an aspirant, he began the novitiate in Elorrio (Vizcaya) on September 11, 1945. He made his first religious profession there on October 12, 1946. Between October 1946 and September 1949 he completed his studies in the Scholasticate at Carabanchel Alto (Madrid), finishing his Bachelor's degree at the university.

He began his teaching work in the Colegio de Nuestra Señora del Prado in Ciudad Real from 1949 to 1952, as a science teacher. On August 15, 1952, he made his perpetual profession in Vitoria. From 1952 to 1956 he pursued university studies in the city of Salamanca, earning the Licentiate degree in Chemical Sciences.

In 1956-57 he was a teacher in the Colegio del Pilar in Madrid, in 1957-58 he taught in the Colegio de San Felipe Neri in Cádiz and from 1959 to 1962 he worked in the Colegio del Pilar in Jerez de la Frontera.

For the next 21 years, from 1962 to 1983, his professional and apostolic work was in the Colegio de Nuestra Señora del Pilar in Pola de Lena (Asturias). His human and educational work in this center was quite brilliant. His former students recall with much affection his great competency and professionalism.

In 1983 he transferred to the Provincial Administration in Madrid, where he held positions of financial responsibility: first, as assistant and collaborator in Temporalities and then, from 1987 to 1995, as Provincial Treasurer.

From 1995, now retired, he took on responsibility for our Foundations: Chaminade and Juan Sánchez of Jerez de la Frontera. In 2004, with declining health, he let go of all management responsibilities in order to lead a calm, tranquil and exemplary life in community.

On December 26, 2008, he was hospitalized for emergency surgery for intestinal necrosis. Due to the seriousness of his situation, he remained in the Intensive Care Unit until January 5, 2009, the day he was transferred to a ward in the hospital. On January 15 he was taken to the Marianist infirmary in Siquem, where he remained until his death on June 4, 2009.

Among the many testimonies of his life left to us, some are outstanding: his intense work, his watchfulness, his generous gift of self and his desire to serve the Society of Mary unconditionally.

May he rest in peace!