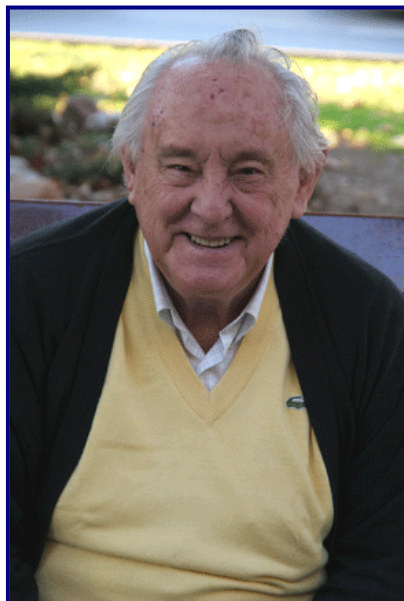


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Death Notice No. 10 (To all Unit Administrations):



The Province of Zaragoza, recommends to our fraternal prayers our dear brother, **MANUEL MARÍA ICETA OLAIZOLA**, of the Marianist Community of Colegio Ntra. Sra. del Pilar (Valencia) who died in the service of the Blessed Virgin Mary on May 19, 2010 in Valencia, Spain in the 75th year of his age and the 57th year of his religious profession.

Father Manuel María Iceta was born in 1934 in San Sebastian, the eldest of a large family of eleven children. He studied at the Marianist school in that city and at the age of seventeen entered the novitiate in Elorrio, where he made his first vows a year later, in 1952. He began his university studies in Madrid, while in the scholasticate in Carabanchel, and he finished his Licentiate in Philosophy in Valencia, which was the first community in which he began to work as a teacher in the Colegio. Along with Father José María Salaverri, he published in those years a book on the Spiritual Exercises with students.

In 1963 he was sent to the Seminary in Fribourg, where he was ordained four years later, on March 13, 1967. He began his priestly career in the Barcelona parish of San Cristóbal, in the barrio of the SEAT housing, where he dedicated himself especially to youth. He had a great capacity for establishing relationships and easily attracted people to himself.

From there he was sent to Colombia, where he was in Girardot with don José Maeztu. He left behind great friends, even after only a few years, in 1973 when he returned to Spain, again to Valencia. There he was superior of the community and a teacher in the Colegio. He updated the methodology of the Spiritual Exercises for the students, and at the same time continued to work with groups of married couples.

Then he was transferred to San Sebastián. During this time he ceased teaching classes in the colegio and dedicated himself to the marriage apostolate (he was National Counselor of the Couples of Our Lady), giving talks throughout Spain and preaching the Spiritual Exercises and retreats. He had contact with many bishops in Spain, retaining a close friendship with some. He also took on the responsibility of forming the Marianist Fraternities of the Province of Zaragoza. These were fruitful years.

In 1987 he was sent to Madrid as Director of the Foundation. He employed his creative skills to

promote its work and his many contacts with married couples throughout Spain to weave a network of Delegates of the Foundation to cover as much as possible of the country.

When he was about to turn 65, just before his retirement from his position at the Foundation, a series of strokes left him very disabled. Soon after, in 2000, he was transferred to Valencia, and there spent his last years, with very little strength, helping some friends who needed it and letting himself be helped by others who always enjoyed doing it. There is no doubt that he was a man with a big heart, with very many friends, who gave and received a great deal of love throughout his life, who did all that he could while he could. He spent these last years looking forward to the encounter with the One “who lives in the depths of our heart.”