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TO : THE THOMASIAN COMMUNITY
FROM : OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL
RE : FUNERAL SERVICE FOR †REV. FR. PEDRO GONZÁLEZ TEJERO,
O.P. (30 August 1920 - 4 August 2022)
DATE : 4 AUGUST 2022

With deep sorrow, the University announces the passing of our beloved *lolo*,

†Rev. Fr. Pedro González Tejero, O.P.,

who was born on 30 August 1920 in Velilla de Tarilonte, Palencia, Spain, and passed away on 4 August 2022 in UST, Manila, Philippines. He entered the Novitiate of the Order of Preachers in the *Convento de Santo Tomás* in Ávila, Spain during the Second World War (1940-1941), and eventually made his first profession on 16 August 1941.

Ordained a Dominican priest in Illinois, USA in 1947, Fr. Tejero served in various capacities in his mother land, Spain, and here in the Philippines. He taught at the *Colegio de San Juan de Letrán*, 1949-1954; was the first **Prior** of the *Convento de Santo Domingo* in Quezon City, 1954-1957; **Master of Students** in the Convents of *San Pedro Mártir* in Madrid, and *Santo Tomás* in Ávila, 1958 to 1967; **Prior** of the *Convento de Santo Domingo in Ocaña* (Toledo), 1967-1970; **Subprior** of the *Convento de Santo Tomás* in Ávila; **Director** of the *Orden Tercera*; **Councilor** of the *Vicariato de España*, 1970-1978; **Vicar Provincial** of the *Vicariato de la Nuestra Señora del Santísimo Rosario de Filipinas*, 1978-1982; **Postulancy Director** in Binondo, Manila, 1983-1985; and **Superior** of the *Casa de la Nuestra Señora del Rosario* in Binondo, Manila from 1986-1989.

A son of the **Dominican Province of the Most Holy Rosary**, he served as **professor** at the *University of Santo Tomas* from 1979 until his retirement. He was **one of the longest-serving Spiritual Directors** of the Central Seminary, from 1990-2013.

Furthermore, Fr. Tejero personally knew two of the six Thomasian Martyrs of Spain: Blessed Buenaventura García Paredes, OP (1866-1936) and Blessed Manuel Moreno Martínez, OP (1962-1936).¹

¹ <http://ust1611official.blogspot.com/2015/07/beato-buenaventura-garcia-paredes-op.html>



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In an article published online for his 100th birthday, Fr. Tejero was described as follows: “[He] may look strict and stern from the pictures but he would always say ‘Kumusta ka, Kaibigan?’ He would even greet the barber in his way. He can even crack jokes during seminary gatherings, especially during his birthday. Behind his apparent strict appearance, he is a jolly good fellow.”²

We invite the Thomasian community to offer prayers for the eternal repose of the soul of †Fr. Tejero, OP, whose remains lie in state at the UST Central Seminary Chapel starting this evening. The Funeral Mass will be on **6 August 2022**, Saturday, at **9:00 AM**, and the interment follows at the *Sanctuario del Santo Cristo Cemetery* in San Juan City at **10:00 AM**.



“Paalam, Kaibigan. Hanggang sa muli...”
(Goodbye, friend. Until then...)



***Requiem aeternam dona Patri Petro Tejero, OP,
Domine, et lux perpetua luceat ei.
Requiescat in pace. Amen.***

(Eternal rest grant unto Fr. Pedro Tejero, OP, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon him.
May he rest in peace. Amen.)


FR. LOUIE R. CORONEL, O.P., EHL
Secretary-General

² cf. *Filipinas: Cumpleaños de Fr. Pedro Gonzalez Tejero, OP.*, Official Website of the Dominican Province of the Holy Rosary, 18 September 2022. <https://www.holyrosaryprovince.org/>