

**RELIGIOUS OF THE SACRED HEARTS (SS.CC.) CONGREGATION
MARTYRS OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY IN SPAIN**



Blessed Fr. Eladio



Blessed Fr. Teófilo



Blessed Fr. Gonzalo



Blessed Fr. Mario

**BEATIFICATION
October 13th 2013
in Tarragona**



Blessed Fr. Isidro





Rev. Fr. Teófilo Fernández de Legaria Goñi ss.cc.
(1899 - 1936)

Fr. Teófilo was born in Torralba del Río (Navarra) on July 5th, 1898



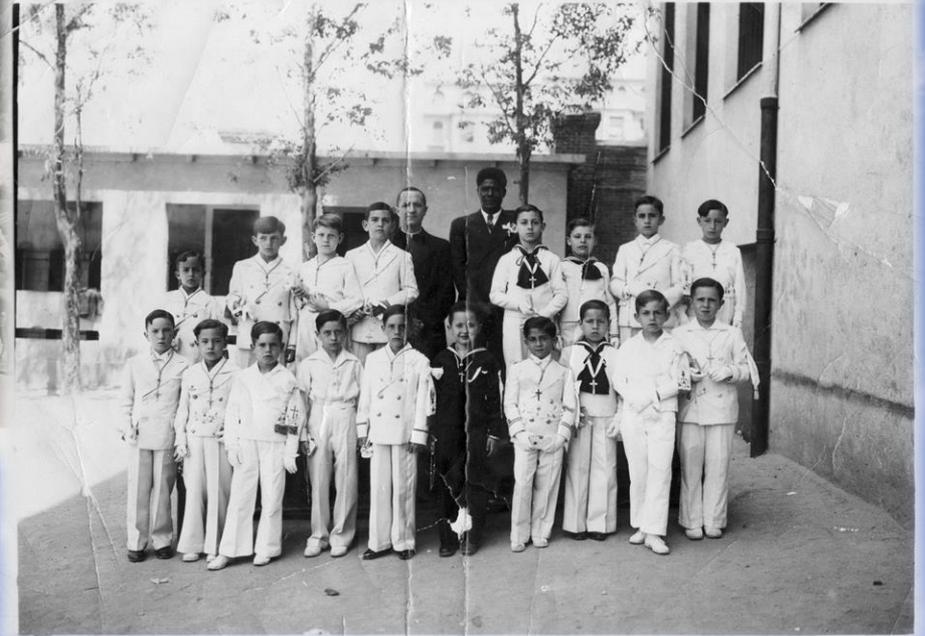
Mrs. Fermina Goñi,
mother of Fr. Teófilo
and a teacher in the
village.



FORMATION

- ❑ Salamanca University: **Bachelor of Philosophy.**
- ❑ Pontifical Gregorian University (Rome): **Doctor of Sacred Theology**





**“Sacred Hearts” School
(Madrid): Professor, Principal and
local Superior**



Sacred Hearts Major Seminary (El Escorial): Director and local Superior

During the SPANISH CIVIL WAR

- ❑ Fr. Teófilo decided to convert the SS.CC. Major Seminary into a hospital to attend the victims of the war.
- ❑ He became the director of the hospital. The militiamen didn't know he was a priest.



Words of Fr. Teófilo

“May we his sons inherit the heroic spirit of the Good Father, our Founder. And if difficult days come, may we be firm in our faith and determined to work for it”

“Sons, entrust yourselves to the Sacred Hearts. Prepare yourselves for the fight and for however God might dispose of you”

“Have faith in God and, if you die, die as good Christians”

“I have a premonition that I am going to die and I will be happy to die being shot. Worse was done to our Lord for us. It is the least we can do for Him.”

Martyrdom of Fr. Teófilo

His identity was found out and denounced by a militiaman whose family Fr. Teófilo had helped in Madrid. Our brother then was arrested and shot, without defense or judgment, in a place near to the SS.CC. Major Seminary: La Piedra del Mochuelo (El Escorial).



“Goodbye. Do not grieve. I die for God and for the peace of my country. Goodbye”

Monument to Fr. Teófilo in the place he was killed



**"Piedra del Mochuelo"
+ August 11th, 1936**



**Rev. Fr. Isidro Íñiguez de Ciriano Abechuco ss.cc.
(1901-1936)**

❑ **Was born in Legarda (Álava) on July 8th, 1901.**

❑ **Formation: Miranda de Ebro, Fuenterrabia, San Miguel del Monte and Rome**

❑ **Pontifical Gregorian University (Rome): Doctor of Sacred Theology**

**Excellent professor of Moral Theology and
Canonical Law at SS.CC. Seminary in El Escorial
(Madrid)**



Martyrdom of Fr. Isidro

- ❑ At the beginning of the Spanish Civil War, Fr. Isidro is brought along with the seminary students to the “General Direction of Security” in Madrid. All were registered and released.
- ❑ Fr. Isidro took then refuge in a boarding house, ‘Loyola’, where he was arrested when declared to be a priest.
- ❑ Finally, our brother was taken to prison, judged and sentenced to death.
- ❑ Fr. Isidro died that same night of his detention, October 2th to 3rd, 1936, as the result of gunshot wounds.

“When was asked about his marital status, he said that he was a religious and proud to be so. One could see in him a deep conformity with the will of God. He was not showy or boastful, but very honored and happy in his profession.”





**Rev. Fr. Gonzalo Barrón Nanclares ss.cc.
(1899-1936)**

❑ Was born in Ollauri (La Rioja) on October 24th, 1899.



❑ Studies in: Miranda de Ebro and Torrelavega

- ❑ Spreading the Kingdom of the Heart of Jesus was his great passion, as it was of his teacher, the world apostle, Fr. Mateo Crawley ss.cc., who called himself “*the wandering jew of the Sacred Heart*”
- ❑ Fr. Gonzalo used to say, “*I want to be the poor troubadour of the mercies of the Heart of Jesus*”



- ❑ **Fr. Gonzalo had a way with words and he spoke passionately. He made many apostolic journeys, not only accompanying Fr. Mateo, but also preaching the love of the Sacred Heart to the most diverse parts of Spain.**
- ❑ **He preached 14,000 sermons in his relatively short life and a huge number of conferences, triduums, novenas, holy hours, talks and retreats.**





Fr. Gonzalo is considered one of the most important apostles of the Enthronement of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Night Adoration in the Home in Spain. Recruited 40.000 night adorers.

Words of Fr. Gonzalo

“The apostle refuses no one, he is all for souls, How great it would be if the bonus of this apostolate were martyrdom!”

“I cannot sit back and watch such macabre sights. I have preached, I have heard confessions, I have worked as much as I can. I am going to continue to fulfill my mission however I can and if the hour comes for me, God will give me the halo of martyrdom”

Martyrdom of Fr. Gonzalo



- ❑ When was arrested, Fr. Gonzalo, in a determined voice and with all his soul stated: *“I declare that I am a priest, I have been on pilgrimage to Cerro de los Ángeles and preached there many times, because this was my mission”*
- ❑ That same night, September 1th -2nd, was shot.



**Rev. Fr. Eladio López Ramos ss.cc.
(1904-1936)**

❑ Was born in Laroco (Orense) on November 16th, 1904.



❑ Studies in: Miranda de Ebro, San Miguel, Torrelavega and El Escorial

- ❑ Fr. Eladio was a man of interior life and of intense piety.
- ❑ His great apostolate was attending the confessional. He said: *“The confessional has put me in an intimate relationship with many souls”*
- ❑ He was very interested about contemplative life and experience the monastic lifestyle in the Carthusian Order.



Martyrdom of Fr. Eladio

- ❑ At the outbreak of the Civil War he and other religious were forced to leave the community house and were fleeing from one place to another, from one boarding house to another. When somebody ask him about his identity, he tells straightforwardly: ***“I am a priest and I must not deny that I am. Let God’s will be done”***
- ❑ ***On August 8th, 1936 some libertarian militiamen went to the guest house where he was staying and arrested Fr. Eladio.***



- ❑ The militiamen asked him: *“Don’t you have documentation?”* And he answered with everyone listening to all of his words, *“I don’t have documents. You already know that I am a priest. Do with me what you will”*
- ❑ *That same night he was executed.*



**Rev. Fr. Mario Ros Ezcurrea ss.cc.
(1910 -1936)**

❑ Was born in Lezaun (Navarra) on April 30th, 1910.



❑ Studies in: Miranda de Ebro, San Miguel del Monte and El Escorial.

❑ Priestly ordenation: July 21th, 1935

- ❑ Fr. Mario was only 26 when he suffered martyrdom and he had only made his debut as a priest.**
- ❑ He was kindhearted and had a pious personality. He was docile, perhaps a little shy and, above all, a very good friend, always ready to do a favor and to please others. It was as if he had some kind of natural gift of making others happy.**
- ❑ Fr. Mario was working for one year as professor in “*Sacred Hearts*” school in Madrid.**

- ❑ During the Spanish Civil War, Fr. Mario sought refuge at the *María Isabel* rooming house on July 20th or 21st, 1936. His aunt, Paulina Larumbe, was the landlady of the pension.
- ❑ Mrs Larumbe tells us: *“I often heard him say that he would never deny that he was a priest and a religious, even if they killed him and that it was whatever God wants”*

Martyrdom of Fr. Mario

- ❑ On August 14th, in the early hours of the morning, the libertarian militiamen showed up saying that “*since the house was full of friars and nuns, it had to be searched from top to bottom, because the friars and nuns were even hidden in the pipes*”
- ❑ 17 priest and nuns were arrested that day in the same rooming house.
- ❑ That same day our brother undergone trial and executed. During the trial, our brother proudly confessed that *he was a religious of the Sacred Hearts.*



+ August, 14th 1936

Other ss.cc. Spanish martyrs

As well as the five religious awaiting their upcoming beatification, after being recognized as martyrs by the decree approved by Benedict XVI on July 3rd, 2009, the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts has **nine other religious who gave their lives during the Spanish Civil War.**

Although the process of canonization has not been introduced because we do not know with certainty the exact circumstances or their death or where they were buried.



Fr. Luis Izurriaga
1903 - 1936



**Fr. Rodolfo
Arteagabeitia**
1912 - 1936



**Fr. Paulino
Rodríguez C.**
1910 - 1936



Fr. Pascual Olarte
1906 - 1936



**Bro. Cándido
Iturrate**
1880 - 1936

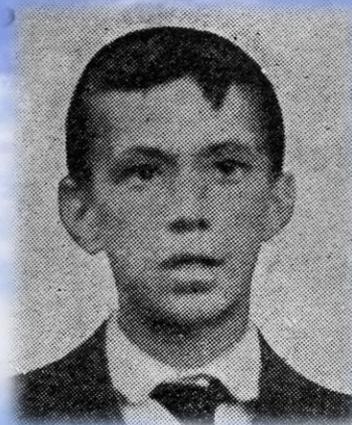
TO THE SACRED HEARTS OF JESUS AND MARY HONOR AND GLORY !



Bro. Luis Díez G.
1899 - 1936



Bro. Jacinto Mendoza
1916 - 1936



Bro. Inocencio Bruyel
1917 - 1936 ?



**Bro. Eulogio
Hernández**
1888 - 1937

Prayer to the Martyrs

**Oh God, you who are love,
we give you thanks for the martyrs Teófilo, Isidro,
Gonzalo, Eladio and Mario, religious priests of
the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus
and Mary and martyrs of the 20th Century in Spain.**

You filled them

**with burning zeal to proclaim your love,
manifested in the heart of your son Jesus
and in the heart of Mary,
his mother and our mother.**

**Thank you for giving them such great strength
that they were able to shed their blood
as witnesses of your love.**

**We ask, through their intercession,
that you grant us the grace
to contemplate, live, proclaim
and be witnesses of your love.**

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

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