



CURIA GENERALIZIA DELLA COMPAGNIA DI GESÙ

Invitation to prayer for those who have died of COVID-19

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TO ALL MAJOR SUPERIORS

Dear Father,

In recent months the COVID-19 pandemic has spread across the world, and it has still not stopped. This is not the first time that a pandemic has affected the planet, and other, persistent diseases continue to plague families on a large scale. This is, for example, the case with malaria.

Among our associates and friends, among our families and in our Jesuit communities, COVID-19 has taken lives. Here in Rome we do not have the names of all the deceased, but we want to bring them into our prayers. Various provinces and communities around the world have already organized, or want to organize, times of prayer to entrust to God these recently deceased men, women and children. These initiatives bear witness to our faith and hope and I cannot encourage them enough.

Some Provinces have forwarded the names of Jesuits whose recent deaths can be attributed to COVID-19. As of 25 June 2020, their names are as follows :

Esteban Aguado Barbero (ESP)	Carlos Alonso Bedate (ESP)
Alex Bassili (PRO)	Johannes Beck (GER)
Claude Bernard (EOF)	Manuel Cantero Pérez (ESP)
Michel Choisy (EOF)	Charles Cordonnier (EOF)
Jorge de la Cueva de Haro (ESP)	G. Richard Dimler (MAR)
Norman Dodge (CAN)	Edward C. Dougherty (MAR)
François Evain (EOF)	Andreas Falkner (ASR)
Siegfried Feige (GER)	Antonio Luis Giménez Lombar (VEN)
Hans Grotz (GER)	Michael Hawkins (DAR)
James Hurley (CHN)	Michael A. Hricko (MAR)
Francis X. Johnson (CAN)	Ludwig Kathke (GER)
John T. Kelly (MAR)	Francis Keenan (HIB)
John W. Lange (MAR)	Peter Larisey (CAN)



Philippe Lécivain (EOF)

Julián López García (ESP)

Henri Madelin (EOF)

André Manaranche (EOF)

Francis X. Moan (MAR)

Juan Ignacio Nieto Tamargo (ESP)

Gérard Pierre (EOF)

Charles B. Sitter (CAN)

Christian Soudée (EOF)

Luis Verástegui Castro (ESP)

Juan Andrés Llauger Barceló (ESP)

José López Calo (ESP)

John Maguire (HIB)

José Martínez de la Escalera Rodríguez
(ESP)

Michael M. Murray (CAN)

George O'Neill (CAN)

Guido Reiner (EOF)

Michel Souchon (EOF)

Adrien Toulorge (EOF)

Ludwig Wiedenmann (GER)

Let us continue to pray, in a special way, for our associates, our relatives and our 46 Jesuit brothers who have recently lost their lives, trusting fully in the Lord's merciful welcome.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Arturo Sosa, S.J.
Superior General

Rome, 25 June 2020

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