



**TERTIUS ORDO REGULARIS SANCTI FRANCISCI
SECRETARIUS GENERALIS**

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**Subject: Death notice of Fr. Antoni Riutord Palau, TOR
Province of Immaculate Conception, Spain**

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of our brother



FR. ANTONI RIUTORD PALAU, TOR

Fr. Antoni was born in Muro (Mallorca), on 24th January, 1931. The son of D. Gabriel Riutord Serra (†1976) and Da Antonia Palau Alomar (†1977). He was the second of five brothers: Juan (soldier), Antoni (TOR), Francisca (Franciscan of Mercy), Gabriel (†) and Antonia.

Fr. Antoni studied Humanities in La Porciúncula and in Inca (1942- 47). He spent the novitiate year in Artà (Mallorca) from 1947 to 1948. He made his vows on 12th August 1948. In 1951 he obtained the high school graduation. He celebrated his solemn profession in La Porciúncula, on 12th August, 1954.

Between 1953 and 1955 he received the minor orders and the diaconate in Rome. He studied Philosophy in Inca (Mallorca) and Theology at the Gregorian University of Rome, where he achieved the degree in 1956. He was ordained as a priest on 27 November 1955, in Rome by the hands of the Bishop Alfonso Carinci.

After his ordination, he was assigned to La Porciúncula as Dogmatic Theology professor (1956-1961), and then was assigned to San Francisco de Palma (Mallorca) as teacher of students to novitiate and then as Dogmatic Theology professor. Over the three-year period (1961-1964) he was elected Provincial Definitor. From 1964 to 1967 he was superior of the fraternity of Palma de Mallorca.



In 1967 he was assigned to the Commissary of Perú and to the fraternity of Huamachuco where he served his brothers as superior of the fraternity in two different periods (from 1967 to 1970 and from 1974 to 1977). While in Huamachuco, he was General Vicar of the Prelacy.

On October 1975 he was elected Commissary Provincial TOR of Perú (1975-1981). He resided in Lima where he was nominated parish priest of the La Esperanza Parish (Lima). In the Chapter of 1977, he was nominated superior of the fraternity of Lima and he continued his service as parish priest of La Esperanza. In 1981 he gave up the position of Commissary, and continued those as superior and parish priest, because he was at the same time teacher of the postulants and counselor of the Commissary. In 1989 he was nominated administrator of the Commissary and Parish Vicar of Lima.

In 1993 he was elected again Commissary Provincial TOR of Perú (1993-1997) working as local minister of the fraternity of Huamachuco. In the Chapter of 1997 was assigned to the fraternity of Trujillo (Perú) as local minister and parish priest of the “Buen Pastor” Parish.

In 2001 he went back to Spain because he was assigned to the fraternity of La Porciúncula where he worked as parish priest at Es Pil.larí, (Mallorca) until 2005 and as vicar of the fraternity.

After de Chapter of 2005, he was assigned to the friary of Our Lady of Sorrows, in Quintanar de la Orden (Toledo), as vicar of the fraternity, administrator and responsible of the Convent chapel. At the end of 2007, Fr. Conrado died and he replaced him as local minister until the Chapter of 2009. That same year, he was assigned to the St. Francis friary in Inca (Mallorca), as administrator of the fraternity.

In 2010, he is not well in health and he was sent to the Provincial Infirmary at La Porciúncula, where he stayed in the last five years, in a precarious state of health, until on Wednesday 4 of February, early in the morning, he was called by Sister Death.

Fr. Antoni was a Franciscan devoted to his ministry as pastor and as former of ours young candidates. He was fervent for his religious and sacerdotal vocation and a great animator in the vocational pastoral.

Fr. Antoni leaves us at 84 years old, 67 years of consecrated life and 60 years of sacerdotal ministry. On 5th February, at 7:00 p.m. was celebrated at La Porciúncula the funeral mass, presided by the Provincial Minister, Fr. Jaume Puigserver and accompanied by the brothers from others communities. On 9th February another funeral mass was celebrated in his hometown Muro (Mallorca) at 7:30 p.m.

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

Please offer the suffrages for the repose of his soul according to articles 61-67 of the *General Statutes*.

Fraternally,



fra Danijel Gornik

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Secretary General