



LUIS MARÍA MENDIZÁBAL, S.J.

Prayer for private devotion

Merciful Father God, wanted to reveal to us the depth of your love in the Heart of your Son: the same Heart which you moulded in the womb of the Virgin Mary through the Holy Spirit, which was pierced on the cross and which now remains alive and throbbing in the Eucharist.

You granted Fr. Luis M." Mendizabal, a Jesuit, an ardent knowledge and deep experience of the mystery of the Heart of Christ, and made of him an indefatigable apostle, father and spiritual master.

Grant me, through his intercession, to seek your greatest pleasure in everything, to be always good to all, to collaborate with your Son Jesus Christ in the redemption of the world and, if it is your will, the favour I ask of you.

(Padrenuestro, Ave María, Gloria)

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Father Luis María Mendizábal Ostolaza S.J. was born in Vergara (Guipúzcoa) on 4 June 1925. He entered the Society of Jesus in Loyola on 28 August 1940, was ordained priest in Innsbruck (Austria) on 25 July 1952, and took his final vows on 15 August 1958.

Trained at the Faculties of Theology of Sant Cugat (Barcelona), Innsbruck (Austria) and Gregoriana (Rome), at the age of 31 he was assigned as professor of Spiritual Theology at the Gregorian University in Rome (1956-1970). During this period he became acquainted with a number of theologians and Council Fathers, and his reputation as an excellent confessor and spiritual counsellor soon spread. Subsequently, he combined his teaching activity in Rome with new tasks in Spain: he was an instructor of the Jesuits of Third Probation in Gandía (1966-1969), and devoted many years to the Apostleship of Prayer (1969-1994), of which he was National Director, at the same time as he directed the magazine Reino de Cristo (Kingdom of Christ). He collaborated in the spiritual formation of candidates for the priesthood in the Diocesan Seminary of Toledo. He was confessor in the Jesuit church in Toledo (1994-2011), and in his last years worked as a collaborator in the infirmary of the Jesuit residence in Alcalá de Henares (Madrid), where he continued to attend to those who came seek his spiritual advice until the end of his life.

Director of hundreds of retreats and tireless apostle of the Heart of Christ, he died in Alcalá de Henares on 18 January 2018 at the age of 92, leaving an indelible mark on those who knew him for his spiritual fervour, deep joy, tender mercy and apostolic zeal.

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