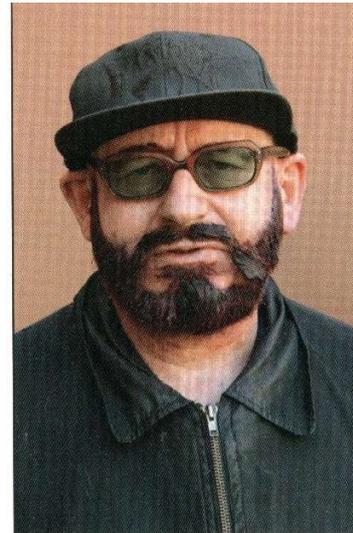


Brother GUIDO EMOND PIQUETE (a Camillian)

Br. Guido was born in Lachine (Quebec-Canada) on 1 October 1946, the son of Henry Emond and Evelina Piquete. He was named Joseph, Oscar, Henry, Guy (Guido). When he was still very young, he arrived in Peru as a young man active in the *Religiosos de los Santos Apóstoles*.



He joined the Camillians at the *Buenamuerte* religious house in Lima as a postulant on 15 February 1975. He did his novitiate in the same religious house from 1 April 1976 to 7 April 1977 when he professed his temporary religious vows. He stayed in the same community and attended courses at the *CONFER* and worked at the St. Camillus Clinic as a nursing assistant. He professed his perpetual religious vows on 19 September 1980.

Br. Guido was responsible for pastoral care for the elderly and was a worker at the cancer hospital for the whole of 1983. Subsequently, he assumed responsibility for the third and then the fourth vicariate, an ecclesiastical jurisdiction, to which our religious house belongs. He carried out this activity with fidelity until the middle of the year 2019 when for health reasons he was not able to visit the elderly in the various centres in the neighbourhood.

He had a special zeal for taking care of the religious house and he was entrusted with closing and opening all the doors of the *Buenamuerte* religious house. He did this work every day without complaining. In 2004 he was appointed to be a sacristan at the Church of *Santa María de la Buenamuerte*: he helped the celebrant, prepared everything that was necessary for the celebration of the Eucharist, welcomed the faithful and closed the church once the service was over. Another responsibility that was entrusted to him was to collect and distribute the correspondence of the religious house – he performed this job with great readiness to help and notable commitment.

Br. Guido was very well known in the neighbourhood and he won the esteem and appreciation of our neighbours. He also sought to be informed about news from Canada, Peru and the world by reading newspapers or using Internet channels. He loved the domestic animals of the religious house and liked to play with the dogs and cats, as well as feeding them.

In November 2019 Brother Guido began to have difficulty in eating: the clinical tests diagnosed cancer of the oesophagus. After being admitted to the *Clinica Beato Luigi Tezza*, after a month, in December, he was moved to the *Clinica San Camillo* for an operation that would have allowed him a form of alimentation. The advance of the cancer involved the lungs being attacked as well and this also made his breathing difficult. With great awareness of the situation, he received from the Vice-Provincial Superior the sacrament of

anointing of the sick in the afternoon of 14 February 2020. A few hours later, on 14 February, at 21.50, he passed away.

His death leaves behind him the void of his 'particular' presence, his jokes and above all his example and his love for his community, his confreres and our charism. His life was a very simple one but it was full of a care and concern that we will miss.

His mortal remains will have a 'vigil' at our *Buenamuerte* religious house and his funeral will be held on Sunday 16 February at the cemetery of *Campo Fe* in Huachipa.

May he rest in peace!

