The Honorary Chancellor returns to the Father's House

Msgr. Juan José Dorronsoro's funeral took place on August 11 in the Papal Basilica of St. Mary Major. Among those present was a delegation of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre, for whom Msgr. Dorronsoro had been Master of Ceremonies since 2003, and then served as Chancellor from 2005 to 2012, with the rank of Knight Commander with Star. Cardinal Carlo Furno, Grand Master Emeritus of the Order, was present, along with many prelate friends of the deceased. The Mass was presided over by Archbishop Francesco Canalini, the Vicar of the Basilica and former apostolic nuncio. Cardinal Edwin O'Brien, Grand Master of the Order, who could not be present due to being abroad, sent a letter which was read at the beginning of the ceremony, in which he assured the assembly of his spiritual solidarity, and paid homage to Msgr. Dorronsoro, a great servant of the Church. Born on November 16, 1931, in Zumarraga, Spain, Dorronsoro was ordained a priest in 1957 and held several important positions in the Holy See before becoming Canon of the Basilica of St. Mary Major and Chancellor of the Order. He died on the night of August 10, after having had the joy of assisting in the celebrations of the Dedication of the Basilica on August 5. "The service that he gave to our Order will be remembered with gratitude for a long time," Cardinal O'Brien said in his special message.

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