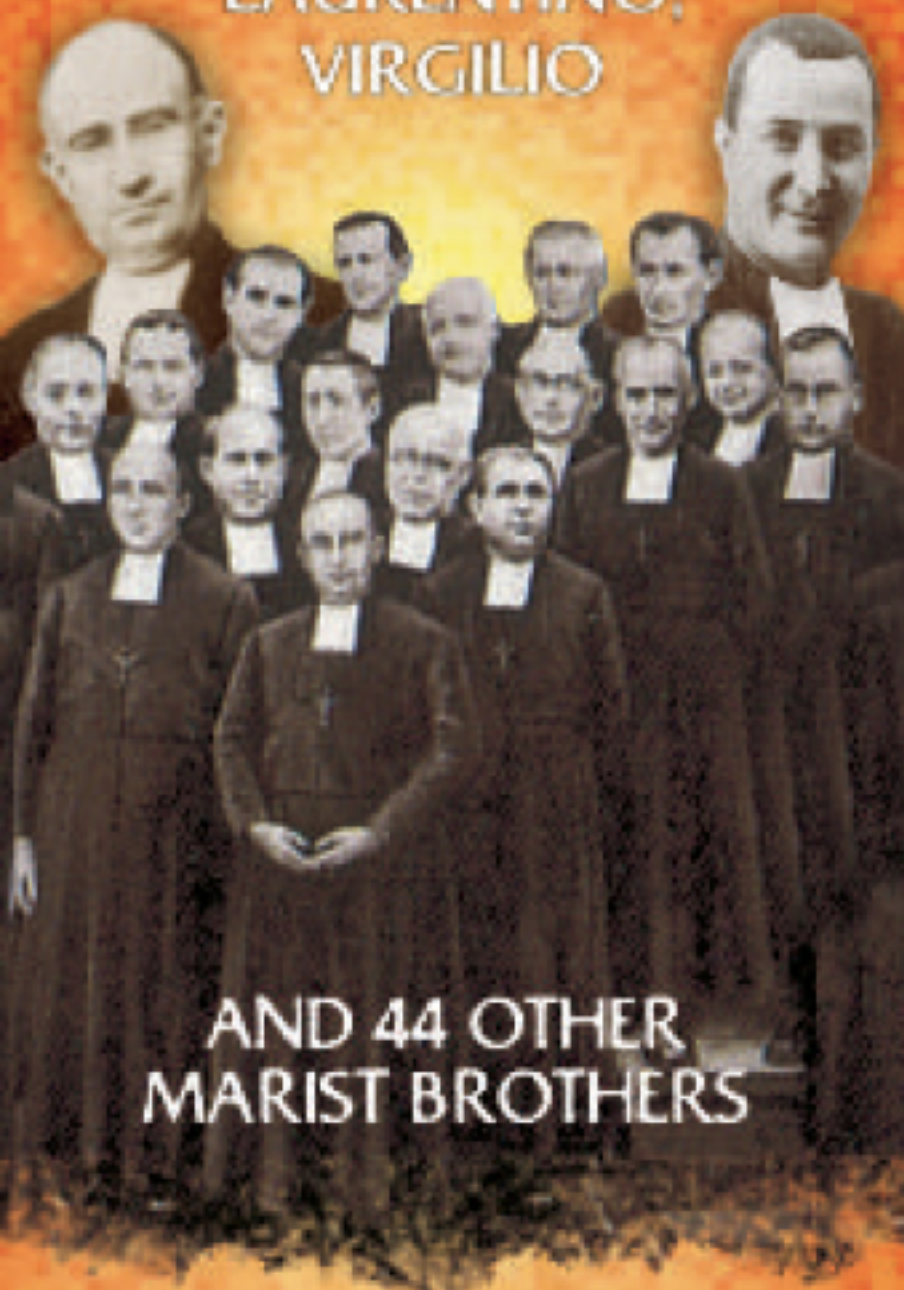


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LAURENTINO, VIRGILIO



AND 44 OTHER MARIST BROTHERS

Educators and Martyrs

**Beatified
28 October 2007**

Mariano Alonso Fuente
(Brother Laurentino)

was born in 1881

in Castrecías (Burgos).

His life as a Marist Brother
took him to numerous

places: Cartagena, Burgos,

Barcelona. In 1928, he was

appointed as Provincial of Spain.

As Provincial, he had to suffer the difficult times
of the Spanish civil war and personally witness
the destruction of tens of Marist houses,

the workshops of the publishing house
belonging to the congregation,

the imprisonment and murder of hundreds of
brothers... In 1936, the valiant Brother Virgilio

was on the point of replacing him as Provincial.

Trifón Lacunza Unzu (Virgilio) was born

in Ciriza (Navarra) on 1891; he had been

the Director of the college in Burgos, responsible

for the novitiate at Grugliasco and Director

of Murcia. He was a devoted and generous

brother, very knowledgeable, author of works
who professed a great love for his brothers.

In 1936, the civil war broke out and violence

extended over the entire peninsula. Brothers

Laurentino and Virgilio were arrested in

Barcelona together with many other Marist

Brothers. They were firstly detained in

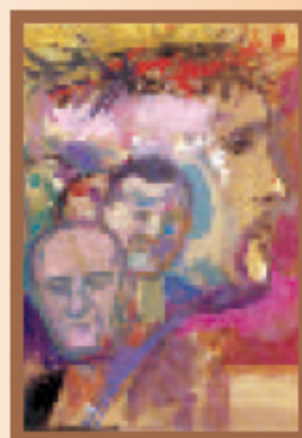
a prison-boat in the port, and then transferred

to a kind of prison in San Elías street. During

the night from the 8th to the 9th October 1936,

forty-six brothers were murdered without prior

judgement, simply because they were religious.





**PRAYER
TO BROTHER
LAURENTINO,
VIRGILIO
AND FORTY-FOUR
OTHER BROTHERS**

Our good Father,
we give you thanks
for having called to the grace
of martyrdom Brothers Laurentino,
Virgilio and the other
forty-four companions.
Proclaimers of Christ and educators
of young people,
they gave the example of responsibility
and fidelity in difficult times.
They accepted giving their lives,
even their blood,
to give witness to your Son,
the Church, and the value of each
young person in your eyes.
Our good Father,
may these Brothers intercede for us,
in particular to obtain for us
the grace...
Through Christ, your Son and Our Lord.
Amen!

