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CBCP: Filipino priest, 72, dies of COVID-19 in Spain

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A Filipino priest based in Spain has died because of complications from COVID-19, the CBCP said.

Fr. Gilbert Luis Centina III, a Filipino Augustinian missionary, died in León city in northwest Spain on May 1, according to the **CBCP News** website.

He was 72.

Centina was an award-winning author and poet, having won a Palanca Memorial Award in English poetry in 1975. In 1983, he also received the Focus Magazine literary award in English poetry.

The priest used to belong to the Spanish Augustinian Province of the Most Holy Name of Jesus of the Philippines, before he was assigned to different missions abroad.

Centina was also the former school chaplain of Colegio San Agustin in Makati and pastor at San Jose Parish in Iloilo City.

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