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Serving the poorest of the poor, Friar Casimir Cypher lived a life of simplicity, joy, and unassuming character. On June 25, 1975, he was murdered, along with thirteen others, in Olancho, Honduras.

Last month, the friars of the Provincial Custody of Mary, Mother of Mercy in Central America and the Diocese of Juticalpa in Honduras celebrated the memory of Friar Casimir.

Friar Juan Alonzo Pagoda Acosta, the Vice-Postulator of the cause for Friar Casimir, and the Most Reverend Joseph Bonello, Bishop of Juticalpa, Honduras are leading the preliminary process of the diocesan cause for Friar Casimir. (If the cause is based on martyrdom, the diocesan bishop investigates the circumstances surrounding the martyrdom, which is done through calling witnesses and examining the candidate's life.)



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In June, Friar Juan met and talked with people who remember Friar Casimir. The cause continues with the identification of witnesses, testaments of graces received and the collection of all necessary information. Once complete, this information will be presented as proof of the martyrdom of Friar Casimir Cypher.

Friar Casimir was a true son of St. Francis. His life was characterized by simplicity, personal poverty, and a good sense of humor. He painted, wrote poetry, and loved serving the poor and disadvantaged. May his example inspire us to love and serve Christ in the poor and marginalized!

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