



Most Rev. Patrick F. Flores

Archbishop Emeritus of San Antonio

July 26, 1929 - †January 9, 2017

The entire community of the Mexican American Catholic College (MACC) is saddened by the news of the death of our beloved Archbishop Patricio Flores. As the first Mexican-American elevated to the hierarchy of the Church in the United States, he sought to make the U.S. Church a place of welcome for all people, especially the poor and downtrodden.

His dedication and great love for the Mexican people and the culture was apparent in many ways, but most especially in his love of Mariachi music. He was a simple shepherd with a big heart.

In 1972, Archbishop Flores was instrumental in the creation of MACC as a center of language learning and pastoral training for many future leaders from every part of the country. Today we continue his legacy of preparing men and women for ministry in the Church. His prophetic voice on behalf of the poor continues to be raised through the many hearts and lives he touched. He will be greatly missed.