



AMERICA / MEXICO - Another priest victim of violence in Mexico

Mexico City (Agenzia Fides) - The priest Francisco Sánchez Durán, 60, was killed at dawn yesterday, Tuesday, April 26, in the church El Patrocinio of San José, located on Avenida Ocho in the district Educacion, in Coyoacán (in the south of Mexico City). According to information received by Fides, the body of Father Sánchez Durán was found at around 9.30 "with wounds on the neck", made with an edged weapon, sources of the capital's Prosecution explained to Fides. According to local media the murder may have been the tragic conclusion of an attempted theft at church, as a result of the opposition of the priest to thieves.

The Archdiocese of Mexico has condemned the killing of Father Francisco Sanchez Duran and urged the authorities to investigate this crime and punish the culprits. The statement by the archdiocese, signed by Cardinal Norberto Rivera, Archbishop of Mexico, invokes God for eternal rest for the soul of the priest Francisco Sánchez, and insists that "any act of violence is deplorable in itself and even more so if carried out against persons consecrated to God", which makes the murderers fault even more serious. (EC) (Agenzia Fides 04/27/2011)