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AWARDING
THE MARIAN LIBRARY MEDAL TO
REVEREND SERGIO ALVAREZ CAMPOS, O.F.M.

Since 1971, during the International Mariological-Marian Congresses, held once every four years, the Marian Library has awarded the Marian Library Medal to a scholar whose recent works have considerably advanced the scientific study of Mariology. At the 1979 congress, held at the Universidad Laboral in Saragossa, Spain, the medal was presented to Rev. Sergio Alvarez Campos, O.F.M., for his patient work in assembling a six-volume Corpus Marianum Patristicum. Rev. Théodore Koehler, S.M., director-curator of the Marian Library, as representative of the President of the University of Dayton, gave the medal to Father Alvarez at the close of the congress on 12 October 1979, Feast of Our Lady of the Pillar.

The Corpus, whose first two volumes appeared in 1970, presents texts dealing with the Virgin Mary from the Oriental and Western Fathers in the original Greek or Latin, and texts from other languages, such as Syriac, in Latin translation. The Ediciones Aldecoa of Burgos has already printed the following volumes: Part I: Writers up to the Council of Nicaea; Part II: Oriental writers from the Council of Nicaea to the Council of Ephesus; Part III: Western writers from the Council of Nicaea to the Council of Ephesus; Part IV/1: Greek writers from the Council of Ephesus to the end of the fifth century; Part IV/2: Greek writers of the sixth and seventh centuries, with apocryphal works of the fifth, sixth, and seventh centuries.

Still to come are the following: Part V: Eastern writers from the Council of Ephesus to the end of the seventh century; Part VI: Latin writers from the Council of Ephesus to the end of the seventh century. Several indices have been prepared to add to the usefulness of the work. Among them are a Marian index, one of biblical citations, another of authors, and also theological and poetic indices.

Father Alvarez was born in Osmo-Orense, Spain, 1 January 1924. He made his first profession as a Franciscan on 24 August 1942 and was ordained priest 22 May 1949. In 1957, he received a doctorate from the Universidad Literaria of Salamanca, his thesis was entitled Disciplinarium libri IX de M.T. Varrón. Since 1967, he has been a professor at the University of Santiago de Compostela, where he teaches in the department of philology.

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