

# TESTIGOS CRISTIANOS DE JEHOVÁ

---

Apartado postal 132 - 28850 TORREJÓN DE ARDOZ (Madrid)

DOMICILIO SOCIAL: Ctra. Torrejón a Ajalvir (M-108), km. 5 - 28864 AJALVIR (Madrid) • Teléfono: (+34) 918 879 700 • Fax: (+34) 918 879 702

SIP August 30, 2017

TO THE CONGREGATIONS

Re: Exhibition about the history of conscientious objection

Dear Brothers:

We are pleased to inform you that, with the authorization of the Governing Body, our branch has organized an exhibit showing the history of conscientious objection to military service on the part of our young Witness brothers during the 1960's and 1970's, sustained until full recognition of the right to freedom of conscience was granted by the authorities.

The exhibit, to be presented with the cooperation of the Ayuntamiento (municipal government) and the Delegación Municipal de Memoria Democrática of the city of Cádiz, will be entitled "La verdad los hizo libres: Esta historia *también* merece contarse" ("The Truth Made Them Free: This Story is *Also* Worth Telling"). It will take place from October 23 through December 17, in the premises of the *Castillo de Santa Catalina*, which years ago was a military prison where the great majority of our objectors served part of their sentences.

The exhibition's aim is to instill appreciation for the tremendous personal sacrifice made by more than a thousand Spanish young people, Jehovah's Witnesses, in favor of values and rights such as conscientious objection to military training, motivated by loyalty to the principles found in Isaiah 2:2-4 (recently considered in the Congregation Bible Study -pages 148-156 of the book *God's Kingdom Rules-*), and similar principles. The first examples of such determination arose in the 1930's, when three young objectors refused to take up arms. By the mid-1950's hundreds of young Witnesses were prepared to do the same.

The first part will show how Jehovah's Witnesses were affected during the Nazi Holocaust years. Then details of the objection of conscience powerfully manifested in the Santa Catalina military prison (as well as in others throughout Spain) will be shown, including a video with voices and images of brothers who were there, some more than ten years.

We understand that it will not be possible for the great majority of the brothers to visit the exhibition, but it is appropriate that all be informed of this event, which will most certainly result in giving a meaningful witness in favor of Jehovah's sovereignty.

United with you in praying Jehovah's blessing on this project, we send warm greetings and an expression of Christian love.

Your brothers,

*Testigos Cristianos de Jehová*

c. Circuit overseers