Tony Mifsud was born September 12 1949, in Hamrun, Malta.Upon finishing college at age 15, he entered the Society of Jesus on February 1965, in Naxxar, Malta. In 1974, responding to the call by the superior general Pedro Arrupe,Tony arrives as a young priest in Chile, a country convulsing from the recently installed dictatorship, going through the profound violations of human rights. He served with simplicity and profound humanity during very difficult years and at great personal risk.

In 1977 he left for Madrid to complete a Licensure in Moral Theology at the Pontifical University of Comillas, Spain (1977-1979). Here he met Marciano Vidal, famous Spanish moralist, who was for Tony a true teacher, source of inspiration, and friend. He completed the canonical licensure and his doctorate in four years. He had an outstanding capacity for work, which was put always at the service of the mission entrusted to him. Tony was very fond of writing, participating in academic dialogues or in fora with other specialists, always placing ethics in conversation with current times. He had a true gift for listening, for suspending judgment in order to understand what was being presented by the person in front of him. The result of many of these multiple encounters and dialogues are the four volume manual, *Moral de Discernimiento* (“Moral of Discernment), widely received in Latin America through various editions (given the demand). He was the first moralist that offered a global vision of moral theology from a Latin American perspective.

Upon his return to Chile he had multiple responsibilities and leadership roles in intellectual ministry. He worked at the Center for Research and Superior Education (CIDE), was director of the Latin American Institute for Social Studies (ILADES), taught moral theology in the Theological Faculty of the Pontifical Catholic University of Chile and the Pontifical Seminary for over fifteen years, took over as rector of the Pastoral-Theological Institute for Latin America at the request of CELAM (ITEPAL-CELAM), was director of the Ethics Department of the newly formed Alberto Hurtado University, was named by the president of the Conference of Provincials of Latin America to form the central team of the CPAL and head the Section on Lay Collaboration and preparing the Common Apostolic Plan. He was director of the magazine *Mensaje,* producing every editorial, from a Christian perspective, about discernment in the face of national, ecclesial, and international events. During this academic journey he sustained a humble and pleasant approach with the vast number of people who would reach out to him for accompaniment, counsel, and friendship. In this way he entered into collaboration with the Pastoral on Sexual Diversity (+PADIS), an experience that was profoundly transforming and that was the motivation for his last book.

But Tony was much, much more than a prolific intellectual with diverse gifts. He was an authentically human, generous, and compassionate human being, with a distinct sense of humor, capacity for making new friends from all age groups, relating for people from very diverse social, ideological, and economic backgrounds. He was a free and sharp human being who enjoyed being labeled by some as conservative and by others as progressive. “That’s how it has to be”, he would say. “This frees you in order to think. Freedom is the biggest gift of love.” In this way he deeply respected the freedom of others, and he worked all his life for making Ignatian discernment a tool that fuels this freedom in the face of God.

A simple and brilliant man, Tony died may 2 at age 72, being a priest for 42 of those years, and a member of the Society of Jesus for 57. Rest in peace, dear friend Tony. You will be missed until our reunion.

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