

## **Romanian Bishop Timotei attends memorial ceremony for Covid-19 victims at Madrid Royal Palace**



**Invited by King Felipe VI, His Grace Bishop Timotei of the Romanian Orthodox Diocese of Spain and Portugal attended a ceremony at Madrid's Royal Palace in memory of the almost 30,000 people who have died from the coronavirus pandemic in the country on Thursday.**

Tributes were paid to the victims of COVID-19, as well as the essential workers who have been on the frontlines fighting the disease, in a country that has the fourth highest official death toll in Europe.

Along with the relatives of around 100 people who have died, medical personnel, police and other essential workers took part in the ceremony along with King Felipe VI and Queen Letizia, and members of the government at Madrid's Royal Palace.

In addition to the speeches of the authorities, the brother of one of the victims of

the epidemic also spoke, as well as a nurse from the Vall d'Hebron hospital in Barcelona, Agerpres reports.

The government announced that through this ceremony it also thanked the Spanish health and society in general for their commitment to the fight against Covid-19.

The country has recorded 28,413 COVID-19 deaths, with 258,000 confirmed cases of the disease, but excess mortality figures suggest that the toll could be several thousand higher.

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