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After many months (since June) in a coma at the Red Cross hospital, Ignatius opened his eyes for the first time a few days ago during a visit from his companions, apparently to say goodbye to us, because today, Sunday, November 2, 2025, he passed away. Repeated strokes and difficult cranial surgeries, despite the efforts of the medical and nursing staff, led to his irreversible end. Ignatius was an anarchist comrade known throughout the movement for his multifaceted participation in all its actions and resistance, whether they concerned struggles against repression, alternative self-managed projects, or cultural events.

He started afresh at the Karyatidos squat in Peristeri and then participated in collectives managing the Zapatista café. In recent years, he also participated in other political and social collectives, at times in the Anti-Authoritarian Movement and Empros, while maintaining a steady presence in the MEKARE-VERSE collective and, of course, attending all the movement's events. However, his long-standing and multifaceted participation in the occupation of the Petroupolis Botanical Garden was what marked him. There, he played a leading role in all the individual actions of the occupation, which concerned the street,

the hosting of refugees, and the theater group, participating in numerous performances. But what helped to create the space was the self-establishment of collectives, especially the grocery store, which played a decisive role. One of his great dreams that remained unfulfilled was his planned trip to Chiapas and the Zapatista communities for the International Meeting of Resistance and Uprising held in August at the Comandanta Ramona Camp, visiting the Zapatista communities for the second time. We leave the last sentence for what he loved most, which was dancing and the corresponding education he had in this field since childhood. We wish him now, without state, regulatory, and physical constraints, to enjoy himself making circles and figures from planet to planet and from star to star, and we promise him that we will never forget him.

- *Petroupolis Botanical Garden free social space*