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**Death Notice No. 36 (To all Unit Administrations):**



The Province of Zaragoza, recommends to our fraternal prayers our dear brother, **MANUEL JOAQUIN BARBADILLO**, priest, who died in the service of the Blessed Virgin Mary on November 19, 2007 in Madrid, Spain in the 79<sup>th</sup> year of his age and the 63<sup>rd</sup> year of his religious profession.

**Manuel Joaquin Barbadillo Gómez** was born on December 17, 1928 in San Lúcar de Barrameda (Cádiz) to Pedro and Joaquina Barbadillo. On September 17, 1941 he entered the postulate at Escoriaza (Guipúzcoa) and later began the novitiate at Elorrio (Vizcaya) on November 10, 1944. After completing his scholasticate in Madrid, he was sent to Valencia where he worked as a high school teacher, as well as pursued his Masters Degree in History.

From there he left to enter the seminary at Fribourg for theology studies. He was ordained on January 6, 1959 and then sent to San Sebastian to serve as chaplain and teacher. He worked very diligently at San Sebastian to foster vocations. As a fruit of his efforts, a large group of students chose to enter the novitiate during those years. In 1964 he was sent to Valencia, again as chaplain and teacher. He remained there for three years.

In 1967, he went to Madrid in order to care for his widowed mother who lived alone. Until his retirement in 1993, he worked with Colegio Santa Maria del Pilar in Madrid as a teacher. He also worked with *Ediciones SM*, in the children's books department, and was instrumental in helping them to greatly expand this area of Marianist publications. In this service, he was the creator, along with Fr. Mario González-Simancas, of a great collection of well-known works such as "The Steamship".

When the Marianist provinces in Spain, along with the FMI, set up the *Marianist Printing Services*, Manuel was named its director. He remained in this service until 2003. He laid the groundwork for the ongoing investigations of Marianist history. The Marianists of Spain owe him a great debt for this work. He published several works stemming from this research and these have been most appreciated by the religious who have used them to learn about our history. When he died, he was working on another book about the first Marianists in Spain.

May he rest in Peace!