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



The Province of Spain, recommends to our fraternal prayers our dear brother, **EDUARDO BENLLOCH IBARRA**, priest of the Novitiate Community, who died in the service of the Blessed Virgin Mary on December 15, 2011 in Zaragoza, at the age of 84 with 65 years of religious profession.

Our brother Eduardo was born on August 8, 1927, in Madrid. His family, besides his parents, Miguel and María del Pilar, included six brothers and sisters: María Rosa, María del Pilar, Eduardo, José Miguel, Margarita and María Victoria. Eduardo was baptized in Madrid a few days after his birth.

He did his primary and secondary studies at the Colegio Nuestra Señora del Pilar in Madrid, crowned with the *bachillerato* in 1945.

On August 23, 1945, he entered the novitiate in Elorrio (Vizcaya) and, the following year, he professed his first vows as a Marianist religious in the Society of Mary.

He pursued his studies in the Scholasticate in Carabanchel-Madrid until 1949; then he undertook the study of classic literature at the Complutense University of Madrid, obtaining his Licentiate in 1951. He was then sent to Valencia as a teacher at the Colegio Nuestra Señora del Pilar.

He made his perpetual profession in Vitoria in August 1951, and departed the same year for the Marianist Seminary in Fribourg (Switzerland) for the study of theology, completing the Licentiate in Sacred Theology in 1956. He was ordained priest on July 18, 1954, in Fribourg.

Upon his return to Spain, he was chaplain and teacher in the Colegio in Valencia, and in the following years in the community of San Sebastián as teacher and director of the house, and still later in Saragossa. Named Superior of the Scholasticate in 1965, a year later, on August 14, 1966, he became the provincial of the Marianist Province of Saragossa. Ten years later, in 1976, he returned to Fribourg as Superior of the Marianist International Seminary, then moved to Rome with the transfer of the seminary until 1982. Six years later, he became the Superior of the community in Vitoria, and from 1989 he was chaplain and teacher at the novitiate in Saragossa, until his death.

Father Eduardo carried out some remarkable research about Father Chaminade and the history of the Society of Mary, published in several works on these topics. He also dedicated a great deal of his time to the administration and service of other Marianist publications.

May he rest in peace.