

Fr. JOSÉ BARRIOS ALFONSO

(November 20, 1928 – May 7, 2021)



Fr. José Barrios passed away, at the age of 92, at the *Residencia San Camil* hospital in San Pere de Ribes (Barcelona - Spain), surrounded by the affection of the Camillian religious community and the collaborators of the health centre, at 6 p.m. on May 7, 2021.

Fr. José Barrios, son of Francisco and Amalia, was born in Seville, on November 20, 1928. He was baptized on December 1, 1928, and he received the sacrament of confirmation on July 18, 1938.

He entered the Order of the Ministers of the Infirm, in Vic (Barcelona), on August 27, 1942. He began the novitiate experience in Vic (Barcelona) on September 7, 1947, and made temporary religious profession in Traslaviña (Vizcaya) on September 8, 1948.

He made his solemn profession in Navarrete (La Rioja) on September 8, 1951. He received the ministry of the sub-diaconate in Sarriá (with the Capuchin religious) on March 5, 1955 and the diaconate in Vic (Barcelona) on March 26, 1955. In June of the same year, he was transferred to Vic, where he completed his theology studies, after spending a year in Navarrete and Traslaviña as a teacher of postulants.

He was ordained a priest in Vic on June 4, 1955. Then he was assigned to the community of Navarrete on October 5, 1956, with the responsibility of community bursar and teacher of postulants. In 1957, he was transferred to the community of Seville as chaplain of the Central Hospital, where he carried out his apostolate with the collaboration of the group *Cursillistas de Cristiandad*. In the same period, he founded and directed a radio station (*Radio Alegria*) inside the hospital, using the professionalism of speakers and artists in the radio sector. The radio station stopped functioning when the hospital was closed and was later used as the seat of parliament of the Andalusian government.

In September 1960, he was appointed as chaplain and staff coordinator at the Madrid clinic. He also assumed the responsibility of the director of the clinic for a month.

On September 15, 1961, he moved to the community of Barcelona, as director of the archconfraternity *Nuestra Señora de la Salud, San José y San Camilo*. In 1967, he founded and directed the magazine for the sick 'Nuestra Alegría'.

In 1975, he was appointed chaplain of *La Alianza* clinic in Barcelona. In 1998, he was appointed superior of the community of *Baja de San Pedro* in Barcelona and director of the *Club San Camilo* in *Calle Mediana de San Pedro*. In addition to these duties, in 2001, he was appointed local bursar of the community and in-charge of liturgical ministry.

In January 2019, he was transferred to the community of San Pere de Ribes: this is a community that has been adapted to accommodate the elderly and sick Camillian religious of the province. Bro. Manuel Martín and Bro. Bernardo del Caño - in recent years - are the religious entrusted with the responsibility of accompanying and caring for the elderly confreres.

"May the Lord open to our confrere Fr. José the gates of paradise, so that he may now enjoy that 'homeland' where there is no longer any pain or death, but only peace and joy without end."