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## CHANCERY NOTICE

### OBITUARY

**Fr Benito de Sousa (Diocese of Macau)**, the last rector of the Portuguese Mission at St Joseph's Church (Victoria Street) in Singapore, passed away on 5 April 2017. He was 89.

Fr Benito was born on 7 January 1928 and ordained in 1962. He served in Singapore as a missionary for the Portuguese Mission from 1990 to 1999. Although St Joseph's Church had become a devotional church in 1981 by decree of the Holy See, the Bishop of Macau was allowed to continue supplying priests to maintain the Portuguese character of the church. As Macau was no longer able to supply priests by 1999, Fr Benito became the last of the Portuguese missionaries.

Fr Benito's funeral Mass was held at the Church of St Peter (Malacca) on 8 April 2017. St Joseph's Church (Victoria Street) also held a Memorial Mass for him on 7 April 2017.

We invite you to pray for him in your masses and prayers.