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CHANCERY NOTICE

OBITUARY

Rev. Fr Jaime Bonet, founder of Verbum Dei Missionary Fraternity, died on 25 June 2017 in the Henares University Hospital in Coslada, Madrid. He was 91 years old and had been battling a deteriorating illness for a long time

Fr Bonet was born in Alqueria Blanca, Spain on 21 May 1926. Even as a seminarian, he organized schools of evangelization and conducted recollections and retreats. He believed that these provided a deep encounter with the living Word of God, Jesus, and growth in faith in Him. As a priest, his preaching inspired in others the desire to consecrate themselves totally to the life of evangelization.

The Verbum Dei Missionaries Fraternity was thus founded on 17 January 1963, in Mallorca, Spain and gradually emerged as an apostolic-missionary family of the Catholic Church. Their charism was the dedication to prayer and the ministry of the Word (cf. Acts 6:4). The Fraternity consists of consecrated religious women, consecrated religious men (brothers and priests) and associated married couples. In Singapore, the Fraternity is represented by consecrated religious women. The Verbum Dei sisters have been established here since 12 September 1997.

Fr Bonet's Funeral Mass is held today at 8.00PM in Madrid. The Archdiocese extends our deepest condolences to the Verbum Dei family in Singapore. We invite you to pray for him, and to remember the Verbum Dei Missionaries in your masses and prayers.