

**THE BROTHER MARTYRS  
OF ALMERIA  
(2/3)  
1/b – THE BROTHERS:  
WITNESSES OF CHRIST,  
APOSTLES OF THE SCHOOL**

**Brother Jose Maria Valladolid**

**Brother Amalio  
(Justo Zariquiegui Mendoza)**

The 6th August 1886 was his birthday, in Salinas de Oro, Navarre, diocese of Pampeluna. Angel and Pia were his parents. On 7th August, in San Miguel parish, he was christened; in 1888 on 5th June, confirmed.

He spent his junior novitiate in Bujedo, from 23rd August 1901 to 4th August 1902, at which date he began his postulancy, taking the habit and the name Brother Amalio on the 13th September. His final vows were made on 4th August 1915.

The places where he taught are as follows: Anaz (1905), Los Corrales (1907), Bilbao-Patronato (1908), Sanlucar de Barrameda (1910), Colegio de La Viña in Cadiz (1913), Buen Pastor (Good Shepherd) in Jerez (1921), Madrid, Nuestra Señora de Las Maravillas (1927) and finally, Colegio San José in Almeria (1930).

He was martyred next to "the Lizard" well on the outskirts of Tabernas, in the company of Brothers Edgidio and Valerio Bernardo, on the night of August 30th 1936.

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*Brother Amalio was a simple kind of person with a very obliging character, which made all those who had contact with him like him. He always tried to cheer people up.*

*He was a devout, simple, abstemious religious, being a particularly fine teacher of younger children.*

*He was somewhat naive, very unobtrusive, and hence simple; his piety being natural, was enthusiastic. He was not*

*highly gifted intellectually, but he always went out of his way to help his Brothers.*

*He made great efforts to encourage good candidates to become priests or religious. In fact, from the Confraternity of the Child Jesus, when he was in charge, ten boys went on to the priesthood and six became Brothers of the Christian School.*

*He had a very special influence on small children, who made remarkable progress under his teaching, which particularly pleased the mothers, who acknowledged what hard work Brother Amalio did for their sons.*

*He had an uncommon devotion to the Infancy of Our Lord, which he was able to demonstrate each Christmas, when he put up a Crib which people from all around came to see.*

**Brother Valerio Bernardo  
(Marciano Herrero Martinez)**

Marciano was born, the son of Juan and Sabina, on 11th July 1909, in Porquera de los Infantes, in the province of Palencia and the diocese of Burgos. His christening took place the following day, 12th July, in the parish church of Santa Maria. He was confirmed in San Miguel church in Aguilar de Campoo, 24th October 1921.

He was a junior novice in Griñon from 22nd January 1923 until 29th August 1925, when he entered the Novitiate, taking the Habit on 1st February 1926 with the name of Brother Valerio Bernardo. He made his vows in Bujedo on 26th August 1934.

After his studies, he taught in Sanlucar de Barrameda (1929) for three years, in 1932 transferring to Sacred Heart College in Jerez; he was in San José in Almeria from 1933.

He died a martyr's death next to the well of "La Lagarta" on the outskirts of Tabernas, on the night of the 30th August 1936, with Brothers Edmigio and Amalio.

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*Brother Valerio Bernardo was a man who was always most conscientious in his duties as religious and teacher.*

*From the beginning, he was obedient and self-effacing.*

*He always seemed to me, when he was in the novitiate, to be a person to be imitated.*

*He had a happy disposition with a charming simplicity, which was very attractive. If anyone was a bit nasty to him, because he was such a gentleman, he seemed to harbour no resentment. He considered that any person in authority was God's representative, and would not allow any criticism of that person. This he did by cleverly veering conversation away from unkindness. He taught his students their lessons, especially those on religion, with the greatest of enthusiasm.*

*He was remarkably obedient and used to ask permission for the slightest thing.*

*He observed the rule with complete exactitude.*

**Brother Teodomiro Joaquin  
(Adrian Saiz Saiz)**

Puentedey in the province and diocese of Burgos was his birth place, on 8th September 1907, son of Justo and Felipa. Baptism: San Pelayo Martir Church, 15th September; confirmation: Nuestra Señora Church, in Quintanilla de Sotoscueva, 18th September 1916.

On 14th April 1921, he went to Bujedo for his junior novitiate, becoming a novice, taking the habit and the name of Teodomiro Joaquin, on 15th August 1923. On 17th August 1932, he made his final vows in Bujedo.

His first school post was in San José school in Jerez de la Frontera (1926). 1929 saw him in Melilla. The school year 1932-33, he was in the secondary school of Lorca, Murcia, at the end of that year transferring to San José of Almeria.

He was martyred on 8th September 1936, on his 29th birthday; his death took place on the Roquetas de Mar Road, with Brother Evencio Ricardo.

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*He was very attached to his vocation, a good, care-taking teacher with plenty of common sense.*

*In his country childhood he was well-behaved and a regular church-goer. He became an excellent religious with plenty of intelligence. He was a fine teacher right from the beginning. To the day of his death in Almeria, he was a religious and teacher well worth imitating.*

*He created a devout atmosphere among his students. You simply had to admire the serious way in which his students said their morning and evening prayers.*

*He wrote some fine poems in his spare time, including a verse play about Brother Solomon (a De La Salle martyr Brother of the French Revolution). This play was produced in the school hall, being much praised by all who saw it.*

*He was a straightforward man, entirely independent of any undesirable influence from wherever it came.*

*I've seen him many a time defending those in authority and their orders; he was just as vehement in arguing against lax thinking or wrong judgment.*

**Brother Evencio Ricardo  
(Eusebio Alonso Uyarra)**

He was born in Vitoria de Rioja, Burgos province and Calahorra y Calzada Diocese, on 5th March 1907, son of Anacleto and Luisa. He was baptised the following day and confirmed on 20th July 1908, making his first communion on 14th May 1916.

Having become a pupil at the Brothers' school in Vitoria de Rioja, when he was 13, he transferred to the juniorate at Bujedo on 18th June 1920. He became a novice on 2nd February 1923 and made his final profession on 17th October 1932 in Bujedo.

He had a Brother, Blas, who also became a De La Salle Brother.

After his training he was appointed to Beneficencia Secondary School, Madrid, on 25th August 1926. This was followed by a stay in Colegio de Nuestra Señora de las Maravillas in Madrid, from 1928, then he went to Melilla in 1929, to do his military service. It was in 1934 that he went to Almeria.

He was killed for the faith, together with Brother Teodomiro Joaquin, on the evening of 8th September 1936, on the Roquetas de Mar Road.

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*He was a pious young lad and nearly always went to morning Mass.*

*You could not reproach him as religious or teacher on any account during his short life.*

*In his letters home, he was always reminding us to say our Rosary.*

*Eusebio was a cheerful, optimistic person, very anxious to study well. What struck me about him, was his frank look, with its open smile, signs that he was extremely glad to be serving God.*

*When the Brothers' Province was divided in two, and his brother assigned to the other side, he told his brother, who wanted them both to be together, that that was not such a good idea, "what God decides, is the best".*

*His greatest interest was in training his students to be good Christians and good citizens. ●*