

September 21

**Br. Claudio Llopis**

He was born in Valencia, Spain on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1927 and baptized as Juan Claudio Llopis. He entered the Seraphic Seminary in Massamagrell on November 6, 1939. He received the Capuchin habit on September 6, 1943 and a year later made simple vows in the friary of L'Olleria. He studied philosophy from 1944 to 1947 and took solemn vows on March 29, 1948. On December 23, 1950 he was ordained by Bishop Jose Garcia Goldaraz. On July 1958, he sailed to Colombia where he worked in various parishes. He returned to Spain and taught French from 1966 to 1969.

From 1969 to 1972, he became chaplain to Spanish immigrants in France. From 1972 he came to Ottawa, Canada for Spanish immigrants until 1976. He then worked as chaplain in Vancouver, British Columbia from 1977 to 1985 and then organized the Spanish community in Seattle Washington, USA.

From 1987 to 1989 he did the same at St. Philip Neri parish in Toronto, Ontario. His last stay in Canada, was in Ottawa as Chaplain of the Civic Hospital and helping at St. Bonaventure parish from 1990 to 1998. On leaving for Spain, Archbishop Marcel Gervais said: "I am sorry to see you leave. I have heard many complaints of many priests but of you, I have never heard a single complaint." Wherever Claudio worked, he always acted in obedience to the local superiors.

On July 15, 1981 he was incorporated in the province of Central Canada with permission from the General Pascal Rywalski. Claudio translated many publications from Spanish to French or English but his hobby was the raising of yellow canaries. One time driving from Ottawa with Br. Charles, he was pulled over for speeding. He lowered the window and told the policeman: "I am a priest and my mother is very delicate". To which the officer replied: "Father slow down or you will go to heaven before your mother."

He returned to Spain October 6, 1998 serving as chaplain in a hospital in Alicante. He died on September 21, 2015 at the age of 88.

