



Bl. José Ramón Ferragud Girbes

Born: 10 October 1887 in Algemesí, Valencia, Spain

Died: shot on 24 September 1936 in Alzira, Valencia, Spain

Beatified: 11 March 2001 by Pope John Paul II

Baptized at the age of two days at his parish church of Saint James the Apostle. Lifelong layman in the archdiocese of Valencia, Spain.

Married on 21 January 1914 to Josefa Borrás Borrás. Father of eight children.

Attended daily Mass, and was active in the lay apostolates in his parish including the Union of Catholic Workers, serving as a catechist, writing about the conditions of Christians in Spain, and standing guard to protect churches.

Arrested several times by anti-Catholic militia men, and eventually martyred in the Spanish Civil War. He died shouting "Viva Christo Rey!" (Long live Christ the King!)