

BARBEL Joseph (not Josef, he himself insisted)

Was born in Luxemburg on 15th March 1907. He took his vows as a Redemptorist in the novitiate house of the Cologne province in Luxemburg on 9th April 1928 and was ordained priest in Geistingen on 19th April 1933. After ordination he went for a short time to Louvain and then to the Faculty of Catholic Theology in Bonn, where he studied Church History and Theology. In 1936, even before finishing the course, he began to teach in the studentate in Geistingen. He gained his doctorate in theology in 1939. With the brief exception of the years 1941 to 1948, during and after World War II, his life was spent in Geistingen, where he held at different times the offices of rector and prefect of students. His many published works have won for him the esteem of contemporary scholars in Germany and elsewhere. He died in hospital near Geistingen on 28th January 1973.

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