

DREHMANS Joseph

Was born in Roermond on 1st May 1882 and was ordained priest in his native city on 8th April 1905 for the diocese. Coming almost at once to the Redemptorists, he took his vows in 's Hertogenbosch on 29th September 1906. In 1911 he gained his doctorate in Canon Law in Rome, and from that year until 1930 was private secretary to Cardinal van Rossum, Prefect of the Sacred Congregation of Propaganda. Returning to Holland, he taught in the studendate in Wittem and became well known as a preacher and confessor and for his spiritual writings. He founded an institute of religious women under the title of *Unitas*. In 1950 he was assigned to the vice-province of Rio de Janeiro. He died in Halambra in the province of São Paulo on 17th September 1959.

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