



ARCHDIOCESE  
OF  
LINGAYEN-DAGUPAN

September 21, 2020  
Feast of Saint Matthew Apostle

Circular 2020-34  
Re: Dominican Martyrs from Dagupan

Reverend Fathers:

We have verified with the historians from the University of Santo Tomas that the Dominican martyrs of Barcelona which includes Father Candido Fernandez Garcia, OP and Father Jose Garcia Diaz, Op are still awaiting beatification and are not included in the list of 498 martyrs beatified on October 28, 2007. Enclosed are their life stories including the narration of their martyrdom on July 27, 1936 in Barcelona. They were missionaries in Dagupan where they taught at the *Colegio de San Alberto Magno* in Calmay.

Not having received beatification, they are not yet entitled to a liturgical commemoration on September 22 which is the feast of the Martyrs of Spain. However, it is pastorally commendable and edifying to instruct our Catholic faithful of their missionary work in Dagupan and their heroic martyrdom for the faith as we await their beatification. Holy men destined to be martyrs lived in the same province where we now live.

Privately as personal devotion, their intercession may be invoked. That in all things God may be glorified.

Sincerely yours,

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