

José Joaquín Puig de la Bellacasa

(Bilbao, Spain, June 5, 1931) José Joaquín Puig de la Bellacasa earned his Law degree from the Complutense University of Madrid, and continued his studies at the College of Europe in Bruges. He entered a career in diplomacy and was a member of the cabinet of Foreign Affairs, as well as Member of the Secretariat of SAR Prince of Spain and His Majesty the King from 1974 to 1976. He was Director of International Technical Cooperation in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, General Director of the Foreign Service, and Secretary for Foreign Affairs. He served as Ambassador of Spain in Rome, London and Lisbon. He was also Secretary General of the House of SM. the King in 1991. He holds various Spanish decorations including the Grand Cross of Isabel the Catholic, the Order of Naval Merit, Commendation of the number of the Order of Carlos III, and several foreign decorations (Grand Crosses of the Holy See, United Kingdom, Italy, Portugal, Austria, etc.)