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7 January 1923 – 2 January 1994

Fr Teodoro REBELO

He was born in Freguesia dos Prazeres, Concelho da Calheta, Funchal, in Madeira Island, on 07 January 1923 and entered the Society of Jesus on 12 September 1944, in the convent of Santa Marinha da Costa, Guimarães. After his studies in humanities, he did philosophy at the Faculty of Philosophy in Braga and theology in Comillas, Santander, Spain. He was ordained priest on July 15, 1955, in Comillas. After his tertianship, in Dublin, Ireland, he went to the Zambézia mission (Mozambique), in 1957. He took his final vows on 3 February 1958, in Fonte Boa. He founded and developed the mission of Mpenha. He was concerned about giving a good formation to the Christians and shared responsibility for catechists and teachers, among other tasks. He was kidnapped by RENAMO on 12 July 1985 and released on 7 September 1985. In 1986, he was appointed parish priest of Tete Cathedral and superior of the community. Pope John Paul II awarded him the *Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice* medal on the 6th October 1987. He died on the 2nd of January 1994, in Lisbon.

(Cf. APSI, Livro das entradas; Necrológio)