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8 December 1925 – 7 January 1963

**Fr. Miguel Ferreira da SILVA**

He was born in Rebordões-Tirso, Porto, on 08 December 1925 and entered the Society of Jesus on 07 September 1943, at the Convent of Santa Marinha da Costa. There, he did his novitiate and juniorate (1943 - 1948). He studied philosophy at the Faculty of Philosophy in Braga (1948-1951). He left for Mozambique, Zambézia Mission, in 1951, for regency. There, he spent one year in Lifidzi and two years in Boroma, where he worked as a teacher and dean of studies at the Teacher Training School. In 1954, he was sent to Granada, Spain, to study theology (1954 - 1958). He was ordained priest on 15 July 1957 in Granada. He finished his tertianship in 1959, in Salamanca. He returned to Mozambique where he worked in Chiritze as Vice Superior, in 1960. He took his final vows on 15 August 1960, in Fonte Boa. He was a zealous and totally committed missionary, from whom much was expected. He died on 7 January 1963, in Furancungo, struck by a tree, while he was looking for timber to build the mission church.

(Cf. APSI, Livro das entradas; Necrológio; “Ecos da Província de Portugal”, XXVIII (1963), p. 21 – 24)