Br. José Manuel Fernandes DIAS

He was born in Fundevila, Freguesia de Igreja Nova, Barcelos, on 22 June 1927 and entered the Society of Jesus on 24 March 1944, at the Seminary of Costa, Guimarães. He lived at Nun'Alvres Institute, Caldas da Saúde as assistant nurse, as well as in the residence of Porto and in the Apostolic School of Macieira de Cambra as cook. He also lived in the residence of Lapa in Lisbon, working as sacristan and doorkeeper. He took his final vows on 15 August 1957, in Braga. In 1963, he left for the Zambézia mission (Mozambique). In Mozambique, he lived in the communities of Beira as well as in the mission of Boroma and at the Teacher Training College in Vila Coutinho. In 1976, he returned to Portugal where he worked in the Administration of the AoP, in Braga, as well as Dean of studies, while accompanying students in their transports at Colégio de S. João de Brito, in Lisbon. He passed away on the 11th of January 2021, in Lisbon.

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