

18 January

12 December 1846 – 18 January 1894

**Fr. Victor José COURTOIS**

He was born in Livron, Drôme, France, on December 12, 1846, and entered the Society of Jesus on October 12, 1871, in Lons-le-Sonier (Jura). He was ordained priest on June 7, 1879. In 1882, he left for the Zambezia Mission (Mozambique) where he worked as parish priest and teacher at the official school in Tete. He took his final vows on January 18, 1886, in Grahamstown, British Cape Colony (South Africa). From 1886 to 1888, he was General Superior of the Lower Zambezi, living in Quelimane. In 1890, he founded, in Inhambane (Nhamussua and later transferred to Móngue), the mission of São José. He died in Inhambane on January 18, 1894. He published the following works: *Notes Chronologiques sur les anciennes Missions catholiques au Zambèze*, Lisboa, 1889; *Elementos de gramática Tetense*, Coimbra, 1889; *Rivuru Rakutoma Rakufundzisa*, Natal, 1890; *Bidzapi na Bindzano Bzachisendzi*, Natal, 1890; *Kumbukani Ibzi Buino*, Lisboa, 1897; *Dicionário Português-Cafre-Tetense e Cafre-Tetense-Português*, 1899-1900. Bibliografia: PETIT, J., *Victor-Joseph Courtois*, Tournai, 1905; Diccionario Histórico de la Compañía de Jesús, II, 989; Enciclopédia Verbo, 6, 215.

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