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Fr. Abel Paulo GUERRA

Born in Lavacolhos, Fundão, on 25 January 1927, he entered the Society of Jesus on 07 September 1943, in Guimarães. After studying humanities, in Guimarães, he did philosophy at the Faculty of Philosophy in Braga (1948-1951) where he did his undergraduate degree. He worked as a teacher at Colégio São João de Brito, in Lisbon (1951-1954). He studied theology in Comillas, Santander, Spain (1954 - 1958) and he was ordained priest on 15 July 1957. He returned to Colégio São João de Brito where he worked as spiritual director and teacher. He took his final vows on the 2nd February 1961, in Lisbon. In 1962, he was sent to the Community of Évora. In 1965, he left for the Zambézia mission (Mozambique) and was assigned to work in Quelimane. He collaborated at a parish that was being run by the Society of Jesus, while teaching at the Technical School. At the same time, he was spiritual assistant at the Sisters' College. In 1967, he went to work as a spiritual director and teacher at the Seminary in Zómbue, Tete. Then, in 1974, he went to Luanda, Angola, to work as a spiritual director of the Seminary. From 1975 to 1976, he was in Rome to study spirituality at the Gregorian University. On his return to Portugal, he lived in the residences of Porto, Mensageiro in Braga, Lapa, in Lisbon and Brotéria. He was diocesan director of the AoP in the Patriarchate of Lisbon. Due to health problems, he went, in 2014, to the infirmary of the residence of the Faculty of Philosophy / AoP. He passed away on 22 January 2016, in Braga. Apart from many articles published in *Mensageiro*, he also wrote the following books: *Ao sol de Deus* (1963); *A sede e a fonte* (1965); *A palavra e o tempo* (1968); *Cartas de sinal mais* 1975); *Ruído de muitas águas* (s/d); *Comunidade nova* (1979); *Celebrar a festa* (1988); *Eis a tua Mãe* (2001); *Caminho de fogo* (1990); *Liturgia das minhas horas* (1994); *Missa em sim maior* (1997); *Pão da palavra I e II* (2001 e 2002); *Vinde ver* (2014); *Ao sopro do Espírito* (2008); *Maria, Novo Paraíso* (1994).

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