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13 March 1849 – 31 January 1894

Fr. Estêvão CZIMMERMANN

He was born in Smolnik, Slovakia, on March 13, 1849. After his high school, he did one year of military service. Then, he entered the diocesan seminary from where he was sent to the German-Hungarian College in Rome. He was ordained priest on May 26, 1877, in Rome. He entered the Society of Jesus on September 24, 1879, in Santo André, Carintia, Austria. He went to the Zambézia Mission (Mozambique) in 1885 and he was appointed superior of the Boroma mission in February 1886. In 1889, he travelled to Europe to recruit missionary personnel and raise funds for the Mission. He took his final vows on February 3, 1890 in Linz, Austria. In 1890, he returned to Mozambique with 11 missionaries and eight female missionaries of St. Joseph of Cluny, the first missionaries to arrive in Mozambique. He founded, in 1892, the mission of St. Peter Claver, in Ricico, Zumbo where he died on January 31, 1894. He published the following works: *Bíblia Sagrada. Ia Testamento Iakare na ipsa Idakondzedua na Kasissi*, Lisboa, 1890; *Katekismo já doktrina rekrístao iomue ine Bzemene bzomue Tinifuna Kutinchadidi, Kuchita, Kutambira na Kupemba* (Catecismo português-bantu), Lisboa, 1890; *Marua a Maria. Peno Muezi Maio* (devoções marianas), Lisboa, 1890; *Nk'uebzi um Ndjira ia Kupurunka Peno Bzakupemba Bzadidissa bza Uantu Akristao* (orações e evangelhos para os dias festivos), 1890; *Bzakupemba na bzimbo. Na Zievangelyo ma Bziepistola zu madomingo* (orações, hinos, evangelhos e epístolas).

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