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18 October 1871 – 10 February 1962

Fr. Manuel FONSECA da Cruz

He was born in Carrazede-Paialvo, Tomar, on October 18, 1871 and entered the Society of Jesus on September 7, 1888. He studied humanities in Setúbal and philosophy at São Fiel. He did his regency at Colégio de Campolide (1897 - 1902). He studied theology in Enghien, Belgium, where he was ordained priest on August 08, 1904. He professed his final vows on February 02, 1907, in Barro and went to the College of São José, in Porto. Then, he was sent to the Zambezia Mission (Mozambique) in 1908. He worked in Quelimane until 1912. On the same year, he was sent to Alsemberg- Belgium (at the Tertianship House or Clay College in exile) where he taught Hebrew. He followed up the translocation of this Community to Murcia, Spain. He was a minister and continued working as a teacher. In 1918, he was sent to Brazil where he taught at Colégio Nóbrega, at Casa de Provação de Baturité and at Colégio António Vieira, in Baía. He returned to Colégio Nóbrega where he died on February 10, 1962.

(Cf. APSI, Livro das entradas - Barro's Noviciate, 1885 – 1897, 213/03)