Fr. António Pereira dos REIS

He was born in Gandra, Municipality of Gondomar, Porto, on 03 March 1936 and entered the Society of Jesus on 07 September 1952, in Soutelo, Braga. After his humanities' studies and after having done three years of philosophy at the Faculty of Philosophy, in Braga (1957 - 1960), he was sent to Mozambique to do three years of regency in the Zambézia Mission (1960 - 1963). He spent one year at Fonte Boa Mission and two years at Boroma Mission where he worked as a teacher at the Teacher Training School. He studied theology in San Cugat del Vallés, Barcelona (1963 - 1967). He was ordained priest on 3 July 1966, in Lisbon. He spent some months in Rome, after finishing theology, working for the Portuguese section of Vatican Radio. In 1968, he returned to Mozambique, working in Tete as a parish priest at the Cathedral. He took his final vows on 15 August 1975, at Fonte Boa mission. In 1983, he went to work in Ulónguè as parish priest and superior of the community. He was kidnapped by RENAMO in 1987 and released about a month later. On his return to Portugal he lived in the Provincial Curia, in Lumiar, Lisbon and was minister of the community and director of the Mission's Secretariat. In 1988, he was appointed Vice Postulator for the cause of Fr. Cruz's canonization, and, in 1992, he was appointed superior of the Lapa Community. He was rector of the church of S. Roque and chaplain of Santa Casa da Misericórdia in Lisbon. He was administrator of the Portuguese Province from 1995 to 2001. In 2003, after the suppression of the Lapa residence, he returned to Lumiar and was the ecclesiastical assistant of the Marian Movement of Prayer and Reparation. Fr. Reis was always a very active and practical man. He passed away on 20 February 2018, in Lisbon.

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