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**Fr. João Rebelo Valente Pereira Cabral**

Born in Miragaia, Porto, on August 07, 1923, he entered the Society of Jesus on February 01, 1946, at the convent of Santa Marinha da Costa, in Guimarães. He studied philosophy in Braga and theology in Eegenhoven, Lovaina (1955 – 1959), Belgium, and did his regency at Instituto Nun' Alvres (1954 – 1955). He was ordained to the priesthood on August 6, 1958, in Brussels and took his final vows on February 2, 1963, in Lisbon. In 1963, he worked as Rector of the Immaculate Conception Apostolic College in Cernache (Coimbra). In the same period, he worked as director of S. José Retreat House. In 1967, he was sent to the Vice-Province of Mozambique, living in Lourenço Marques as superior of the Men's University Residence and lecturer of philosophy, while assisting several diocesan movements. From 1973 to 1975, he worked in Nampula and from 1975 to 1978, he worked in Beira. In Beira, he worked at mission of São Benedito da Manga, then at the residence of Matacuane. He also worked at the Portuguese Consulate in Beira (1976-1978). In 1979, he went to Maputo where he worked as parish priest and taught theology at the Protestant Seminary in Ricatla. In 1980, he returned to Portugal and went to the Novitiate in Coimbra and then to the Porto's residence. He was the first director of CREU (Center for Reflection and University Meetings). He died on February 23, 2017, in Porto.

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