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11 February 1914 – 27 February 2005

Br. Francisco de Sousa LOUREIRO

Born in Encourados, Barcelos, Braga, on 11 February 1914, he entered the Society of Jesus on 20 February 1940, at the Convent of Santa Marinha da Costa, Guimarães. In 1943, he left for the Zambézia Mission (Mozambique). He was part of the second group of Jesuits that returned to the Mission after the expulsion of 1910. He was assigned to live and work at Boroma Mission. He undertook various domestic duties and was the driver of a lorry which he always drove very carefully and with moderate speed. He took his final vows on 15 August 1950 in Boroma. In 1960, he went to Portugal and returned to Mozambique in 1962 where, again, he was assigned to be in Boroma. Then, he was sent to Fonte Boa and, afterwards, he became a teacher at the Teacher Training College in Vila Coutinho. He was highly esteemed by his pupils. In 1977, he left Mozambique and was assigned to live and work in the community of the Faculty of Philosophy in Braga where he worked as a doorkeeper. In 1995, due to illness, he was sent to the infirmary of the residence in Porto. He died on February 27, 2005, in Porto.

(Cf. APSI, Livro das entradas; Necrológio; JESUÍTAS..., n. 311, Abril 2005 e n. 312, Maio 2005, p. 10)