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10 October 1919 – 4 April 2009

**Fr. Manuel Joaquim PEREIRA**

He was born in Lugar da Lomba, Freguesia de Fátima, Concelho de Vila Nova de Ourém-Portugal, on 10 October 1919 and entered the Society of Jesus on 07 September 1938, at the convent of Santa Marinha da Costa, Guimarães. After his humanistic studies, he went to the Beato Miguel de Carvalho Institute, in Braga, to study philosophy (1943 - 1946). In 1956, he was sent to Mozambique (Zambézia Mission), to Lifidzi mission, where he learnt Chinyanja language and worked as dean of studies at the school mission. In 1949, he went to San Cugat del Vallés, Barcelona, to study theology. He was ordained priest on 31 May 1952 in Montjuik, Barcelona, at the 35<sup>th</sup> International Eucharistic Congress. He did his tertianship in Salamanca (1953 - 1954). He returned to Mozambique where he was assigned to work at the missions of Fonte Boa, Chiritze and Lifidzi. He took his final vows on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 1955, in Boroma. In 1965, he went to Vila Coutinho and developed a remarkable work in Nseula mission. He was arrested on 19 November 1979 and remained in Tete's prison until 25 December 1979, when he was taken by plane to Maputo's prison. He was expelled from Mozambique and returned to Portugal. From Lisbon, he went to INA to help in the Parish of Areias. In 1983, he was sent to Paris, to work at Gentilly, a parish that had been entrusted to a Portuguese Jesuit priest. In 1998, he was assigned to the residence of Póvoa to dedicate himself to apostolic works in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. He passed away on 04 April 2009, in Esposende.

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