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6 November 1889 – 11 April 1968

Fr. Raúl Dias SARREIRA

He was born in Ponte de Rol-Torres Vedras, Lisbon, on 06 November 1889 and entered the Society of Jesus on 30 July 1906, in Barro. He did his novitiate and humanities' studies in Barro. He studied philosophy in Holland, in Kasteel Gemert, Noord-Brabant, after the dispersion of the Province, caused by the republican revolution. In 1913, he studied mathematics and physics at the University of Innsbruck, Tyrol, Austria. He did his regency at the college of Bollengo, Ivrea, in Piedmont, Italy, and taught Germany. He studied theology in Oña, Burgos, Spain (1916 - 1920). He was ordained priest on July 30, 1920, in Oña. He did his tertianship at Paray-le-Monial (Maison La Colombière), France. At the end of his formation, he was sent to Oya (Provincial House of the Portuguese Province) to work as minister of the philosophy community. There, he also taught mathematics, pedagogy, among other subjects. He took his final vows on February 2, 1922, in Oya. In 1925, he was sent to La Guardia College where he was appointed Rector on 13 November 1931. Fr. Sarreira was responsible for the transfer of the INA to Caldas da Saúde, in 1932. He was Rector until 1936, the year he became Rector of the Maximo College, Beato Miguel de Carvalho Philosophical Institute, in Braga. In 1940, he was appointed superior of the Writers' House, in Lisbon and he collaborated at Brotéria's Journal. In 1943, he embarked to Mozambique, Zambézia Mission. More than once, he was superior of the Boroma Mission. He founded the Teacher Training School and endowed it with a good syllabus. The history lessons, namely the "history of races", were very appreciated by his students. From 1948 to 1951, he worked as superior general of the mission. In 1965, he was appointed Vicar General of the Diocese of Tete. He was a great writer and orator. He died on April 11th 1968, in Vila Coutinho. He published many articles in "Brotéria".

(Cf. APSI, Assentos das entradas no Noviciado do Barro, 213/04; Livro das entradas; Necrológio; "Ecos da Província de Portugal), Junho 1968, p. 28 – 231)