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23 May 1840 – 25 April 1892

Fr. Pedro José ALOY

He was born in Monte Iri, Majorca, Balearic Islands, Spain, on May 23, 1840 and entered the Society of Jesus on April 3, 1856. He studied humanities in Loyola and philosophy in San Marcos de León. He did six years of regency and when he was studying theology, in June 1869, he asked to leave the Society. Then, he repented and asked to enter again into the Society, and his request was granted by the Superiors. He entered the Novitiate of the Lusitanian Mission, on September 23, 1870, in Barro, Torres Vedras. He worked as a lecturer and dean of studies at Colégio de Campolide, in Lisbon, and did his theology in Laval, Mayenne, France. He was ordained priest in Laval on May 22, 1875. He returned to Colégio de Campolide where he worked as Vice-Director for 12 years. He took his final vows on February 2, 1881. In 1887, he moved to Braga and taught philosophy at the Archdiocesan Seminary. He was a very appreciated confessor and preacher. He was sent to the Zambézia Mission in December 1889 and appointed General Superior of the Lower Zambezia, in Mozambique. He worked in the consolidation and dynamization of the mission by creating three missionary centers: one in Inhambane, another in Tumbini (Milange) and the third in Zumbo. On his return to Quelimane, after the first trip to Boroma and other missions, he caught fever. He died on April 25, 1892. He published the following book: *College recreation activities through all kinds of games, except card and gun games (Recreios colegiais por meio de toda a espécie de jogos, excepto o de cartas e de armas)*, Lisbon, 1882.

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