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10 November 1942 – 4 May 2014

Fr. José Belarmino Bastos Martins de ARAÚJO

Born in Freguesia de Parada de Gatim, Concelho de Vila Verde, Braga, on November 10, 1942, he entered the Society of Jesus on September 7, 1960, in Soutelo, Braga. He studied humanities in Soutelo and philosophy at the Faculty of Philosophy in Braga (1964 - 1967). He left for Mozambique in 1967 to do his regency as dean of studies and teacher at the Azevedo Coutinho College, in Fonte Boa Mission. He studied theology at San Cugat del Vallés, Barcelona (1970–1974) and he was ordained to the priesthood on July 20, 1974, at Caldas da Saúde. He returned to Mozambique in 1974, working at Chiritze mission and assisting Furancungo village. In 1975, he was assigned to Lifidzi mission. He taught at the mission school and he was also in charge of Chabualo mission. In 1979, he returned to Portugal and went to Vila Nova de Santo André as a parish priest and teacher as well as a chaplain at the Pinheiro da Cruz prison. He took his final vows on March 19, 1983, in Vila Nova de Santo André. From 1988 to 1989, he was in Madrid for his theological studies. On his return to Portugal, he worked as minister of the community at the Provincial Curia and he taught at Colégio de S. João de Brito. He also gave his contribution in the neighbouring parishes. In 2001, he joined the College community and became minister. Fr. Zé was a religious man who was always available to serve others. He always had a good sense of humour and contagious joy for others. He passed away on May 4, 2014, in Lisbon.

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