

6 June

28 October 1924 – 6 June 2003

Br. Adelino Fernandes RODRIGUES

He was born in Freguesia de Cristelo, Concelho de Barcelos, Braga, on the 28th October 1924. At the age of 27, he entered the Society of Jesus, at Casa da Torre, in Soutelo, Braga-Portugal, on 27 October 1951. After two years in the novitiate, he took his first vows and stayed in Soutelo for four more years, dedicating himself to agricultural work on the farms. In 1956, he was assigned to the Zambézia mission (Mozambique). He worked in Lifidzi, Chiritze and Fonte Boa. He took his final vows on the 15th August 1962, in Lifidzi. In 1968, he was transferred to the Teachers' Training School, in Vila Coutinho (now Ulónguè), in Angónia, to direct agricultural works and collaborate in the agrarian training of the students. After Mozambique's independence, due to the nationalization of the education system, he moved to the parish residence in Ulónguè and, in 1985, he moved to the Parish of Dómwe. On the 19th of July of that year, he was kidnapped and taken to a RENAMO military base. He was released on 07 September, in Malawi, and went back to Portugal where he was assigned to live and work at Casa da Torre, in Soutelo. He was always ready to serve others as well as he was dedicated to his work. He died on 06 June 2003, in Braga.

(Cf. APSI, Livro das entradas; Necrológio; JESUÍTAS..., n. 294, Julho / Agosto 2003)