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Fr. Joaquim Mendes ABRANCHES

Born in Unhais da Serra, Covilhã, on June 14, 1907. He studied at the Apostolic School of San Martín de Trevejo, Spain, and entered the Society of Jesus on August 20, 1924, in Oya. He studied philosophy in Oya and theology at Heythrop College, England and Kurseong, Himalayas (India). He was ordained priest on November 21, 1938, in Kurseong. He carried out an intensive apostolic activity in Goa and was Rector of St. Francis Xavier College in Panjim. In 1952, he was invited to be a Novice Master in Portugal (1952 – 1962). On November 30, 1962 he was appointed General Superior of the Zambézia Mission (Mozambique), which became Vice-Province in 1966. After his term of office as Superior, in Mozambique, in 1967, he went back to Portugal where he worked as superior of the Covilhã Community, Rector of Soutelo and Superior of the Lapa residence. He died on June 27, 1994, in Lisbon.

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