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**Fr. António Joaquim de Azevedo GARCIA**

Born in Mata de Lobos, Concelho de Figueira de Castelo Rodrigo, Guarda, on 29 January 1913, he entered the Society of Jesus on March 11, 1937, in Alpendurada, Marco de Canaveses. He was doing Law at the University of Coimbra when he decided to enter the Society of Jesus. He did his philosophy in Braga at Beato Miguel de Carvalho's Philosophical Institute and theology in Granada, Spain. He was ordained priest on 21 November 1946, at St. Mary's College, Kurseong, Darjeeling, India, where he finished his theology. He did his tertianship at Mount St. Mary, Kodaicanal, Maduré. He lived in the residence of Our Lady of Fatima in New Goa and worked as a teacher in the Lyceum of which he became vice-rector and military chaplain. He directed Spiritual Exercises and availed himself for any apostolic ministries. He was also minister and bursar of the community. He took his final vows on February 2, 1952, in Panjim. In 1962, he returned to Portugal, after the invasion of Goa and was appointed director of Manuel da Nóbrega University Residence, in Coimbra. There, he worked until 1967. From 1967 to 1978 he worked as a missionary in Mozambique, particularly at the Parish of Matacuane, in Beira. He also worked as a teacher in the Seminary of Zóbue and in the Teacher Training School, in Vila Coutinho, Angónia. On his return to Portugal, he was assigned to Braga and he worked at the National Secretariat of the Apostleship of Prayer. He died on July 2, 1995, in Braga. He wrote books and articles on spirituality and on the history of India and Mozambique. His most significant books are the following: *Abraçar o Mundo*, I and II (1965 e 1967); *História de Moçambique Cristão*, I and II (1969 e 1972); *Missão da Zambézia* (1979).

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