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4 July 1925 – 8 July 2008

**Fr. Joaquim BARATA**

Born in Sarzedinha, Concelho de Proença-a-Nova, on July 04, 1925, he entered the Society of Jesus on September 07, 1942, at Seminário da Costa, Guimarães. He studied philosophy in Braga and did his regency in Mozambique, in the mission of Boroma (1959-1952). He studied theology in Granada (1952-1956) and did his tertianship in Salamanca. He was ordained to the priesthood on July 15, 1955, in Granada. He returned to Mozambique in 1957 where he took his final vows on August 15th 1958, in Boroma. He worked in the missions of Boroma, Marara, Chiritze and Fonte Boa. He also worked as Administrator of the Vice-Province of Mozambique and Secretary of the Diocese of Tete. He was kidnapped by RENAMO (Mozambique's National Resistance Party) on November 8, 1986, while he was at the parish of Ulónguè. He was released in Malawi on December 22 and arrived in Maputo on December 23. He spent about 45 days in captivity. After those days, he landed in Lisbon on the morning of December 31, 1986 (Cf. APSI, 327/06, *45 dias em poder da Renamo, à guisa de diário*). He returned to Mozambique in 1988, living in Maputo until 1991. He was Superior of the Community of Évora (1994-2001) and of the Community of Colégio de Cernache (2001-2004). In 2004, he was sent to the Community of Póvoa de Varzim to collaborate in the apostolic works. He died on July 08, 2008, in Póvoa de Varzim.

(Cf. APSI, Necrológio; JESUÍTAS, informação aos amigos, N. 331, Agosto/Outubro 2008)