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1 November 1922 – 29 July 1993

Fr. Oliveira Manuel GAMA

Born in Freixianda, Concelho de Vila Nova de Ourém, on 01 November 1922 and entered the Society of Jesus on 07 September 1939, in the Convento of Santa Marinha da Costa, in Guimarães. He did humanities in Guimarães and philosophy at Beato Miguel de Carvalho Institute in Braga (1944 - 1947). Having completed his philosophical studies, he was sent to Guimarães for a year of regency, where he worked as teacher to juniors and novices. In 1948, he went to the residence of "Mensageiro do Coração de Jesus" to collaborate in the magazines that were being published there (1948 - 1950). He did his theology in Oña, Burgos (1950-1954) where he was ordained to the priesthood on 30 July 1953. After his formation, he spent a year in Soutelo, working as a teacher of the juniors and novices. Then, he taught at Nun'Alvres Institute for two years and at the College of the Immaculate Conception for two more years. He took his final vows on 02 February 1957, at Caldas da Saúde. He left for the Zambézia mission in Mozambique, in 1960, where he worked in Beira as superior and parish priest at Nossa Senhora de Fatima Parish. In 1967, he went to Zóbuè Seminary to work as a teacher and spiritual director. After the nationalisation of the seminary, he went to Angónia where he lived in Chabualo and Dómuè. In 1986, he went to Beira to collaborate in the parishes of Nossa Senhora de Fatima and Matacuane as well as he taught at the diocesan seminary. In 1892, he returned to Portugal due to poor health. He died on 29 July 1993, in Lisbon.

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