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27 April 1883 – 10 August 1940

Fr. João de Azevedo MENDES

He was born in Soudos, Freguesia do Paço, in Torres Novas- Portugal, on April 27, 1883 and entered the Society of Jesus on September 7, 1898, in Barro. He studied philosophy in Setubal and did one year of regency at the College of São Fiel. He was sent to the Zambezia Mission (Mozambique) in 1908 where he worked in Quelimane, as an elementary school teacher. In 1911, he was forced to leave Mozambique, expelled by the Government of the First Portuguese Republic. He studied theology at the Theologate of Lyons, in Ore Place, Hastings, England. He was ordained priest on August 2, 1914, in Hastings. He professed his final vows on February 2, 1917, in La Guardia. He worked as minister and spiritual director in the Apostolic School of S. Martin de Trevejo. He was also a lecturer of moral theology and Latin at the Seminary of Évora, as well as he was Rector of La Guardia's College (1924 - 1930) and lecturer of ascetic theology and spiritual director in the Seminary of Braga. He also worked as Rector of the Novitiate House in Alpendurada, which was transferred to the Convent of Santa Marinha da Costa, in Guimarães (1935 - 1938). He died at the Jesuit Brothers' Health House of São João de Deus, in Barcelos, on August 10, 1940.

(Cf. APSI, Necrológio; Livro das entradas no Noviciado do Barro, 1897 -1910, 213/04;
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