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## Br. José Araújo de ANDRADE

11 November 1930 – 17 August 2024

*He was in his 94<sup>th</sup> year of life, and was in his 68<sup>th</sup> year in the Society; and in his 50<sup>th</sup> year of Final Vows.*

*Ort.* ..... 11 November 1930  
*Loc. Nat.* ..Mussenguese, Zumbo, Mozambique  
*Ingr.* ..... 16 May 1957  
*Loc. Ingr* ..... Soutelo, Braga, Portugal  
*Mag* ..... Teaching

*Stud. Grad.* ..... Formed Brother  
*Loc. Grad.* Fonte Boa, Tsangano, Mozambique  
*Dies.* ..... 15 August 1975  
*Defunc.* ..... 17 August 2024

*Loc. Defunc.* ..... Maputo, Mozambique  
*Date of Funeral* ..... 24 August 2024  
*Place of Funeral:* ..... Lifidzi, Mozambique  
*Place of Burial:* ..... Lifidzi, Mozambique  
*Prov.* ..... SAP



Br. José Araújo de Andrade, SJ, was born on 11 November 1930 in Mussenguese, Zumbo, Tete, Mozambique. In 1946, he was baptized at the Boroma mission, where he later attended the teachers' training college. After graduating, he began his career as a teacher at the mission.

In 1953, Br. Andrade travelled to the Apostolic School of Macieira de Cambra, Portugal, to continue his studies. Three years later, he went to Soutelo, Braga, where he commenced his postulancy to join the Society of Jesus as a Brother. He entered the novitiate on 16 May 1957 and took his first vows on 29 June 1959. After completing his novitiate, he remained in Soutelo, working as a tailor's assistant.

In 1960, Br. Andrade moved to the Jesuit residence in Porto, where he served as sacristan. Between 1961 and 1963, he worked as a tailor's assistant and performed various domestic duties at the Faculty of Philosophy Jesuit community in Braga.

In 1963, Br. Andrade returned to Mozambique to serve in the Zambezi Mission, specifically at the Chiritze mission in Furancungo. There, he worked as a tailor, teacher, prefect of the boarding school students, and community consultant. After completing his tertianship in Soutelo in 1974, he returned to Chiritze, and on 15 August 1975, he pronounced his final vows at Fonte Boa mission.

In 1977, he moved to Tete, continuing his teaching at the school in Moatize and dedicating himself to youth ministry at Matundo parish. By 1982, he began teaching at Tete Secondary School, where he gained high regard for his subject expertise and exceptional teaching methods. He was honored multiple times with the "socialist emulation" award, recognizing him as one of the government's top teachers.

In 2004, Br. Andrade relocated to the Fonte Boa mission in Angónia, where he served as community minister and taught at the school center. On 6 November 2006, during an assault on the mission, he sustained an injury when a gunshot struck his foot. Despite the ordeal, which claimed the lives of Fr. Waldyr dos Santos, a Brazilian Jesuit, and Idalina Gomes, a Portuguese laywoman from the NGO "Lay for Development," Br. Andrade soon resumed his teaching duties after receiving treatment at Vila Ulóngwè hospital.

A devoted supporter of the Lisbon football club "Os Belenenses," Br. Andrade would eagerly visit Restelo Stadium during trips to Portugal, where friends ensured he could cheer for his team and meet fellow Mozambican players.

Br. Andrade continued teaching well beyond retirement age, instructing and shaping generations of students, many of whom remembered him fondly in Ulóngwè, Tete, and for his accompaniment during bus trips. He was a beloved educator whose legacy spanned multiple generations within the same families.

Around 2015, he suffered several strokes that significantly impacted his health. In 2020, he moved to Maputo, where he spent his remaining years in prayer for the Church and the Society. Br. José Araújo de Andrade, SJ, passed away on 17 August 2024 in Maputo and was laid to rest in Lifidzi, Tete, Mozambique, on 24 August 2024.