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24 January 1911 – 22 August 1966

Fr. José dos Santos Bernardo GONÇALVES

Born in Moreiras Grandes, Concelho de Torres Novas, he entered the Society of Jesus on 24 January 1911, in Exaten (Netherlands). He studied philosophy in Jersey, England, and did his regency at the Apostolic School of San Martín de Trevejo, Cáceres, Spain. He studied theology in Sarriá, Barcelona, and he was ordained to the priesthood on July 26, 1925, in Sarria. In 1927, he was appointed associate Provincial. He took his final vows on 02 February 1928 in Oya, Galicia. He was appointed superior of the residence of Tuy on 15 December 1928. During his stay in Tuy, he worked as spiritual director to Sister Lucia, the seer of Fatima. In 1930, he was appointed rector of the Apostolic School of San Martín de Trevejo. He was the first superior of the group of Jesuits who went to Mozambique in 1941 to take over the mission of Zambézia. For a period of 25 years, he worked with enthusiasm for the development and consolidation of the Mission. He was general superior of the mission twice (1941-1948 and 1951 - 1958). He returned to Portugal in May 1966, due to illness. He died on 22nd August 1966, in Lisbon.

(Cf. APSI, Livro das entradas; Necrológio; Ecos da Província de Portugal, 1966, p. 54)