Br. Francisco LOPES

Born in Casal Velho, in the Freguesia of Proença-a-Nova, Castelo Branco-Portugal, on 25 April 1902, he entered the Society of Jesus on 14 August 1921, in Santa Maria de Oya, Galicia, Spain. He was a shoemaker in Oya, La Guardia, Alpendurada and Macieira de Cambra. He took his final vows on August 15, 1932 in Alpendurada. He was part of the first group of missionaries that restored the Zambézia Mission in 1941. He lived and worked in the missions of Lifidzi and Boroma. He was gifted with practical skills for his daily endeavours. He was a shoemaker, a buyer, a car driver, a nurse and dedicated himself to domestic services. He left Mozambique in 1947 and went to the apostolic school of Macieira de Cambra and then to Cernache, Coimbra. He died on the 29th August 1993 in Cernache. He was a faithful religious and dedicated Jesuit.

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