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19 February 1914 – 31 August 1994

Fr. Joaquim Ferreira LEÃO

Born at Freguesia of Figueiró, Municipality of Paços de Ferreira, Porto, on 19 February 1914, he entered the Society of Jesus on 07 September 1932, in Alpendurada, Marco de Canaveses, Porto. He studied philosophy in Braga and theology in Granada, Spain. He was ordained priest on July 15, 1945, in Granada, and took his final vows on February 2, 1950, in Caldas da Saúde, Santo Tirso. From 1958 to 1962, he was general superior of the Zambézia Mission (Mozambique). On his return to Portugal, he was appointed rector of the College of São João de Brito, Lisbon. In 1967, he was appointed vice-provincial of the Vice-Province of Mozambique. In 1975, he returned to Portugal where he was appointed vice-superior of the community of the National Secretariat of the Apostleship of Prayer and administrator of the journal. In 1977, he was appointed Socius to the Provincial and, in 1978, he became superior of the Community of "Brotéria", while working as Socius to the Provincial. In 1985, he was sent to the Community of Saint Francis Xavier, Lumiar (Provincial Curia) and he took over the directorship of Saint Ignatius Retreat House in Rodizio. He died on the 31st August 1994, in Lisbon.

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