Fr. José Vicente MARTINS

He was born in Cabril-Pampilhosa da Serra, Coimbra, on 01 April 1921 and entered the Society of Jesus on 07 September 1938, in the Convent of Santa Marinha da Costa, Guimarães. He attended Beato Miguel de Carvalho Institute, in Braga, where he studied philosophy. He started his regency at INA (1946 - 47) and, in 1947, he went to Zambézia Mission (Mozambique) where he continued his regency for three more years. He taught Chinyanja at Fonte Boa Mission, followed by two years at Boroma Mission where he worked as teacher and dean of studies at the Teacher Training School. In 1950, he went to Granada, Spain, to study theology which he finished at Heythrop College, England, spending two years (1952 - 1954) there. He was ordained priest at Heythrop on 10 September 1953. He did his tertianship in Ireland, in Rathfarnham, Dublin. In 1955, he returned to Mozambique and was appointed superior of Boroma mission in 1956. There he also worked as director of the Teacher Training School. He took his final vows on the 2nd February 1956 in Boroma. In 1961, he went to Salisbury, Rhodesia, to assist the Portuguese-speaking emigrants. In 1962, he returned to Portugal. He worked as S. Francisco de Paula as a parish priest of Alpiarça and parish priest of Vale de Cavalos. In 1974, he was appointed parish priest for São João Evangelista's parish, in Lisbon. It was at this parish that he transformed an already disused Cinema into a church. In 1992, he was assigned as Cristo Rei's parish priest, in Pragal. In Monte da Caparica, he given a place of worship which he turned it into S. Francisco Xavier's parish. He ceased to be parish priest in 2009. He passed away on 27 September 2018, in Lisbon.

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