

5 October

15 July 1917 – 5 October 2009

**Br. José Alves da LOMBA**

Born in Santães, Freguesia de Gemeses, Concelho de Esposende, Braga, on 15th July 1917, he entered the Society of Jesus on 20th September 1945 at the Convent of Santa Marinha da Costa, in Guimarães. In 1948, he was sent to the Lapa residence where he worked as a cook. In 1950, he left for the Zambézia Mission in Mozambique. He worked in the missions of Boroma (1950 - 1952), Fonte Boa (1952 - 1953) and in the residence of Beira where he was sacristan, amanuensis, assistant to the mission procurator, catechist, etc. Then, he worked in the mission of Lifidzi (1955 - 1976) as a locksmith, mechanic, electrician, etc. He taught his craft at the school of arts and crafts at the mission in Lifidzi. He took his final vows on 02 February 1956, in Lifidzi. In 1977, he returned to Portugal and was assigned to São João de Brito's College to be in charge of the mechanics and locksmith's workshops. He was always ready to help in small and big plumbing, taps, etc. He died on 5th October 2009, in Lisbon.

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