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13 July 1938 – 23 October 2001

Fr. Luís Abílio GONÇALVES

Born in Bragança, on 13 July 1938, he entered the Society of Jesus on 07 September 1954, in Soutelo. He studied philosophy in Braga (1959 - 1962) and did his regency in the Zambézia Mission (Mozambique), in the missions of Fonte Boa, Boroma and Lifidzi (1962 - 1965). He did his theology at San Cugat sel Vallés, Barcelona (1965 - 1969). He was ordained priest on June 29, 1968, at the Cathedral in Porto. In 1969, he worked at the parish of Vila Coutinho and, in 1970, he was appointed director of the Teacher Training School. In 1971, he was appointed Vicar General of the Diocese of Tete and, in 1973, he became a consultant of the Vice-Province of Mozambique. He took his final vows on 02 February 1975, in Vila Coutinho. In 1976, he was appointed parish priest in Matacuane, Beira, and in 1981, he became Provincial of the Vice-Province of Mozambique. In 1987, he was appointed superior of Beira Community and moderator of the two parishes in the same city. In 1989, he went to Dganya, Malawi, to give religious support to Mozambican refugees. In 1993, he was sent to Angónia where he worked in Ulónguè and Lifidzi. He worked hard on the rehabilitation of the missions after the civil war and he helped people to readapt the new situation as they were returning to their lands. In 2001, due to illness, he left Mozambique. He died on the 23rd October 2001, in Lisbon.

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