

25 October

30 March 1911 – 25 October 1971

Br. Manuel da Silva RODRIGUES

He was born in Cristelo, Barcelos, on 30th March 1911 and entered the Society of Jesus on 31st December 1939, in the Convent of Santa Marinha da Costa, Guimarães. He was part of the second group of Jesuit missionaries who left, in 1942, to take over the Zambézia Mission in Mozambique where he had left after the expulsion of the Society in 1910. He started his work in the mission of Lifidzi, where he taught how to make bread and charcoal. He was preparing to teach tile making, when he was transferred to Boroma Mission. In 1947, he went to Fonte Boa mission where he worked as a sacristan, as well as he was in charge of the kitchen, of the garden and of household responsibilities. He took his final vows on 02 February 1949, in Lifidzi. In 1951, he again moved to Lifidzi. In 1966, he was sent to the residence of Our Lady of the Conception, in Zóbue, Tete, where he took care of the vegetable garden. He was sacristan and also took care of domestic activities. In 1971, while on holidays in Portugal, he was diagnosed with cancer, which took him to death on 25 October 1971, in Lisbon. Brother Rodrigues was a simple, hardworking and very pious Jesuit.

(Cf. APSI, Livro das entradas; Necrológio)