Fr. Manuel AGOSTINHO

Born in Casais do Furadouro, Ourém, Concelho de Vila Nova de Ourém, on the 31st of July 1915. He did his secondary school studies at San Martín de Trevejo Apostolic School (Cáceres – Spain) and entered the Society of Jesus at the monastery of Alpendurada, Marco de Canaveses, on September 7, 1934. Having finished his humanities studies, he was sent to Braga, in 1938, to the Beato Miguel de Carvalho Philosophical Institute where he did sciences for a period of one year and then he did philosophy for three years. In 1942, he went to the Apostolic Seminary of Macieira de Cambra for his regency. In 1944, he went to Granada (Spain) to study theology. He was ordained priest on July 2, 1947, in Granada. He did his tertianship in Salamanca (Spain) and took his final vows on February 2nd, 1950, in Guimarães. He left for the Zambézia Mission (Mozambique) in 1950, where he worked in the missions of Boroma, Marara and Zóbue. He was known for his inclination for research, both in the human sciences (African ethnicities of Mozambique) and in the natural sciences (precious stones and birds). On his return to Portugal, in 1975, he worked at the Parish of Aljezur (Algarve), in Lisbon and in Soutelo. In 1985, was sent to Cernache (Coimbra). He died on October 27, 1999, in Cernache.

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