Fr. António Maria dos Reis ARRAIANO

He was born in Vale de Prazeres-Fundão, Castelo Branco, on August 20, 1849. He studied at the Seminary of the Overseas' Missions in Cernache do Bom Jardim and was ordained priest on September 22, 1877. In 1878, he was sent, as a missionary of the Royal Patronage, to São Tomé. He returned to Portugal in 1887 and entered the Society of Jesus on October 14, 1889, in Barro. In 1894, he was assigned to go to the mission of Lower Zambezia (Mozambique). He worked tirelessly in the mission of Coalane. He took his final vows on March 19, 1900, in Quelimane. When he was expelled from Mozambique, by the government of the 1st Portuguese Republic, he headed to Latin America and arrived at Todos os Santos Bay in 1913. He lived in the residence of São António da Barra, in Baía, where he died on November 1st, 1928.

(Cf. APSI, Necrológio; Livro das entradas - Barro's Noviciate, 1885 – 1897, 213/03)