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19 February 1909 – 1 November 2001

Br. José Mesquita COELHO

Born in Orca, Concelho do Fundão on 19 February 1909, he entered the Society of Jesus on 24 October 1926, in Oya, Galicia. After his Novitiate, he continued in Oya, working as a carpenter. Then, he was sent to the apostolic school of San Martín de Trevejo, Cáceres, Spain and, in 1932, he was sent to Covilhã's residence. He also lived at the Apostolic School, in Guimarães, where he took his final vows on 15 August 1939 as well as he also lived at the Blessed Miguel de Carvalho Institute. In 1949, he worked as a carpenter in the construction of the Novitiate in Soutelo. In 1950, he went to Caldas da Saúde College and in 1961 he left for the Zambézia Mission (Mozambique) where he lived for about 16 years. There, he was in charge of the workshops at Fonte Boa Mission, in Angónia (1961-1965). He also worked as a carpenter and electrician at Chiritze mission (1965-1966). He spent the last two years in the mission of Lifidzi and in the Parish of Vila Coutinho. In 1969, he was sent to the Seminary of Zóbue, Tete, where he lived until 1977, the year he returned to Portugal and was assigned to the Community of the Faculty of Philosophy, Braga. He died on the 1st November 2001, in Braga.

(Cf. APSI, Livro das entradas; Necrológio; JESUÍTAS..., n. 277, Dezembro 2001).