

5 November

25 January 1923 – 5 November 2009

Br. José Ferreira ORMONDE

He was born at Freguesia de S. Bartolomeu, District of Angra do Heroísmo (Terceira Island, Azores in Portugal), on 25 January 1923 and entered the Society of Jesus on 07 September 1947, at the convent of Santa Marinha da Costa, Guimarães. After the novitiate, he stayed at Costa, working as a carpenter, for one year. In 1950, he went to Soutelo, Braga, to work on the house which was still under construction. He made a precious contribution to the resolution of technical problems of the house. All the carpentry work in the house of Soutelo was carried out or supervised by him. He was a true artist. Besides the carpentry, he was also a formator for the Jesuits who were training to be brothers. He took his final vows on 3 February 1958, in Soutelo. In 1973, he was sent to Mozambique's Vice-Province to work in Lichinga, at the Bishops residence, Rev. Luís Ferreira da Silva, S.J., taking care of the necessary services of the house and accompanying the Bishop on apostolic trips. In 1983, due to illness, he returned to Portugal. He was sent to the Novitiate House in Coimbra and, in 1987, he went to Soutelo, to be in charge of the running of the house. Such work included farming, cowshed, among others. He died on 5th November 2009, in Soutelo.

(Cf. APSI, Livro das entradas; Necrológio)