

6 November

12 June 1941 – 6 November 2016

Fr. Ezequiel Pedro GWEMBE

Born in Jone, Kaúdzá, Angónia District, Mozambique, on 12 June 1941, he entered the Society of Jesus on 10 October 1964, in Soutelo, Braga. He studied Philosophy at the Faculty of Philosophy in Braga and did his regency as a teacher at the Teacher Training School in Vila Coutinho, Mozambique (1970 - 1972). He studied theology at the Gregorian University in Rome (1972 - 1975) and he was ordained priest on July 13, 1975, at Fonte Boa Mission, Mozambique. After the ordination, he worked for the Secretariat of the Episcopal Conference of Mozambique, in Maputo, for four years. In 1979, he went to Rome to do the fourth year of theology and, in 1980, he went to Oxford, UK, to study anthropology. He returned to Mozambique in 1984 and he taught cultural and social anthropology at the Philosophical Seminary in Maputo. In 1985 and 1986, he went to Hekima College, Nairobi, to teach a course in anthropology. He took his final vows on the 2nd August 1987, in Tete. In 1988, he returned to Rome. In 1990, he was back in Mozambique to teach at the Philosophical Seminary. In 1990, he was appointed superior of St. Ignatius Community in Maputo. Between 1993 and 1995, he was sent to Zimbabwe to work as vice-secretary of IMBISA (Southern Africa's Episcopal Conference). In 1995, he went to Beira to work in the magazine "Novo Rumo" where he also collaborated at the Parish of Matacuane. In 2000, he was appointed consultor to the Regional Superior and, in 2004, he became superior of Ulónguè community. In 2011, he was appointed superior of the Juniorate in Maputo, as well teaching at the Major Seminary. In 2012, he was appointed parish priest of Tete's Cathedral and superior of the Jesuit community. In 2014, he became a member of the ZIM Province (Zimbabwe-Mozambique). He passed away on 06 November 2016, in Ulónguè.