

19 December

21 November 1903 – 19 December 1991

Br. Ir. Manuel Alves LOPES

Born in Aldeia Ruiva, Freguesia de Proença-a-Nova, Castelo Branco-Portugal, on 21 November 1903, he entered the Society of Jesus on 11 June 1931, in Oya, Galicia, Spain. He did his Novitiate in Oya and Alpendurada. After the Novitiate he was assigned to live in the Porto Community, in the Apostolic School of Macieira de Cambra and in the College of Caldas da Saúde, Santo Tirso. He was part of the first group of Jesuits that returned to the mission of Zambézia (Mozambique) in 1941. He spent some years in Lifidzi, where he took his final vows on the 8th December 1941. He lived in Fonte-Boa Community for 25 years (from 1951 to 1976), where he was in charge of the agricultural fields and was concerned that there should be a good variety of food to support students and the community's diet. He was always faithful to his religious duties and he used the weekends for reading. In 1976, he returned to Portugal where he was assigned to live in the Covilhã community. He was sacristan of the Church of São João de Malta. He died on the 19th of December 1991, in Covilhã.

(Cf. APSI, Livro das entradas; Necrológio)