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25 September 1924 – 26 December 1992

**Fr. Arnaldo Augusto Gomes de LACERDA**

Born in the Parish of Castainço, Municipality of Penedono, Viseu, on 25 September 1924, he entered the Society of Jesus on 11 September 1941, at the Convent of Santa Marinha da Costa, Guimarães. After the Juniorate he studied Philosophy at the Pontifical Faculty of Philosophy in Braga (1946 - 1949). He did three years of regency in Boroma, in the Mission of Zambézia (Mozambique), working as dean of studies and teacher at the Teachers' Training School (1949 - 1952). He studied theology in Granada, Spain, from 1952 to 1956, where he was ordained priest on 15 July 1955 in Granada. After his tertianship, in Salamanca, he was sent to the mission of Fonte Boa in 1957, where he worked as superior of the mission. He took his final vows on 02 February 1958, in Fonte Boa. Between 1962 and 1963, he was in Rome to do a course on Social and Pastoral issues. He returned to Mozambique where he was appointed Matacuane's Parish priest. In 1971, he went to work at São Benedito da Manga. He did a very fruitful apostolate as well as he taught Christianity courses. He returned to Portugal in 1976 and was assigned to Covilhã's residence where he also worked at St. Peter's Parish until 1989. He was also superior of the community from 1986 to 1992. He died on December 26, 1992, in Lisbon.