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4 February 1926 – 28 December 2008

Br. José de Carvalho LIMA

Born in São Brás, Freguesia das Lages, in Praia da Vitória (Angra do Heroísmo, Azores third Island), on 04 February 1926, he entered the Society of Jesus on 07 September 1951, at Colégio das Caldas da Saúde. In Soutelo, he worked as rector and dean of studies for the postulants. In 1959, he went to the Zambézia Mission (Mozambique) where he worked in the mission of Marara. In 1963, he was sent to Soutelo for his tertianship. He returned to Mozambique in 1964 to work in Boroma. He took his final vows on 15 August 1964, in Lifidzi. In 1967, he was sent to the diocesan seminary of Zóbue. There, he looked after the farm, the animals, ran the kitchen and was the infirmarian: he was an authentic *fac totum* of the seminary. After the nationalisation of the Seminary, he continued to work with pleasure for the comrades of FRELIMO, working in the orientation of agricultural activities as well as in the raising animals so as to feed the School which was later on turned into a Seminary. In 1979, he went to Soutelo and in 1982 he returned to Mozambique. He worked in Dómuè, Lifidzi, Satémwe and Ulónguè. On 8 November 1986, he was kidnapped by RENAMO, in Ulónguè, and spent 45 days in captivity. He was released on 22 December in Malawi. After passing through Maputo, he arrived in Lisbon on 31 December. He stayed in Portugal until 1994. Then, he was sent to the Novitiate (Coimbra) and to Soutelo. On his return to Mozambique, he worked in the Novitiate in Manga, Beira and then in Lifidzi. In 2002, he returned to Portugal for good, having been assigned to live in the Novitiate community. He died on 28 December 2008, in Coimbra.

(Cf. APSI, Livro das entradas; Necrológio)