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28 October 1918 – 31 December 1996

**Fr. Faustino RODRIGUES**

He was born in S. Pedro de Este, Braga, on 28 October 1918 and joined the Society of Jesus on 14 September 1937, in Alpendurada. He finished his noviciate when the community moved to the Convent of Santa Marinha da Costa, in Guimarães. In the same community, he did his juniorate. From 1942 to 1945, he was at Beato Miguel de Carvalho Institute studying philosophy. Upon completing his philosophical studies, in 1945, he left for the Zambézia mission (in Mozambique). He spent three years at the mission of Boroma and in 1948, he went to Granada, Spain, to study theology. He was ordained priest on 15 July 1951 in Granada. In 1952, he went to Salamanca for his tertianship. In 1953, he returned to Mozambique where he worked as superior of the missions of Fonte Boa and Lifidzi, in Angónia. He took his final vows on 02 February 1954, in Lifidzi. In 1963, he was appointed parish priest of the Cathedral in Quelimane. In 1965, while on holidays in Portugal, he had a car accident which made it impossible for him to return to Mozambique. In Portugal, he lived in Soutelo, Cernache and Braga. In 1970, he went to Póvoa de Varzim Residence, where he was bursar and dedicated himself to other apostolic ministries. He died in Póvoa de Varzim on 31 December 1996. Part of his publications include *Katesismo ra doutrina rakristao, ridanembedwa na...*, Granada, 1949; *Dicionário Cinyanja – Português, s/d* (typed).

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