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**Fr. Domingos José Rodrigues da SILVA**

He was born in Santa Marta do Bouro, Concelho de Amares, Braga, on 30 November 1934 and entered the Society of Jesus in Soutelo, Braga, on 07 September 1953. After the novitiate, he studied humanities, still in Soutelo, and, in 1958, he entered the Faculty of Philosophy in Braga, where he finished his philosophy course in 1961. After a year at Caldas da Saúde College (INA), where he taught mathematics, he was assigned to work in the Zambézia Mission (Mozambique). In Mozambique, he worked in Fonte Boa and Boroma Missions, as teacher and dean of studies at the Teacher Training School. In 1964, he did his first year of theology at San Cugat del Vallés, Barcelona, and the other three in Colombia, where he was ordained priest in Bogota, on 22 August 1968, by Pope Paul VI. He returned to Mozambique where he worked in the mission of Lifidzi. Then, he went to the mission of Dómwe, where he worked for the creation of a School of Catechists which did not go ahead because he was kidnapped, on 19 June 1985, by RENAMO, and was taken to a military base where he stayed, until he was released, in Malawi, in September 1985. He returned to Mozambique in 1987 where he worked as superior of the Lifidzi mission when it was reopened in 1995. Fr. Domingos was responsible for the designs and calculations for the rehabilitation of that mission, after the peace agreement in the country. He died in Lifidzi on 31 December 2014.

(Cf. APSI, Livro das entradas; Necrológio)