

**BRANDÃO DE CASTRO José**

Was born in Rio Espera in the diocese of Mariana, Brazil, on 24th May 1919. He took his vows as a Redemptorist in Juiz de Fora on 2nd February 1939 and was ordained after his studies in Tiete on 6th January 1944. He was consecrated Bishop of Propriá on 21st September 1960.