

# Relations between Coimbra and China - Sources

## Jesuits: biographical information

Franco (S.I.), Antonio. *Imagem da virtude em o noviciado da Companhia de Jesus no Real Collegio de Jesus de Coimbra em Portugal ...* Évora: na Officina da Universidade, 1719.

A collection of biographies of jesuits related to the Coimbra colleague, either because they taught there, studied there or otherwise had a relevant role in the College life. In the author words: *tenho entre as mãos referir as virtudes dos nossos Pares, & Irmãos, que se criaram no Sancto Collegio de Coimbra.*

It also includes a "biography" of the College itself. Claims to have used a wide range of documentation from the archives (cartórios) of Évora and Coimbra and others, as well as the histories of the Company, both printed and manuscript, *assim do Padre Álvaro Lobo", como do aparato, que pera a História, que começou, tinha junto o nosso Padre António Leite.*

The author transcribes frequently correspondence from the people involved. Some of the biographies have a wealth of events and personal information on related people. Produly states his scholarly approach: *E, tudo procurei verdade, fazendo todas as diligências que pude; por isso no fim das vidas allego de ordinário os documentos por onde escrevi, & e com que me ajustei; ainda que isto a alguém poderá parece escusado, com tudo eu o não julguei assim, conformando-me com o uso, que nisto tem outros homens, que escreveram matéria semelhante, porque nestas alegações fazem na História grande fé; podendo sempre ver-se as fontes, donde se dis, que a tal cousa se recolhera.* Whenever possible the author tried to find in the "Catálogos" the names of the parents of people he wrote about, even when *não sejam de famílias esclarecidas* (are not of important families).

In two volumes. The first is available online at <https://books.google.pt/books?id=JDA2wD7ZRDEC> . The same author produced two other books on the College of Évora and of Lisboa.

Franco, Antonio. *Imagem da virtude em o noviciado da Companhia de Jesus do Real Collegio do Espirito Santo de Evora do Reyno de Portugal ...* Lisboa: na Officina Real Deslandesiana, 1714. <https://catalog.hathitrust.org/Record/009302029>.

Franco, Antonio. *Imagem da virtude em o noviciado da Companhia de Jesus na corte de Lisboa ...* Coimbra: no Real Collegio das Artes da Companhia de Jesus, 1717. <https://catalog.hathitrust.org/Record/009282180>.

Inocêncio states that: "Estas três obras do P. Franco são estimadas, e equivalem à chronica da Companhia de Jesus neste Reino, contendo muitas notícias históricas de grande valor, e alguns documentos interessantes."

Dehergne, Joseph. *Répertoire des Jésuites de Chine de 1552 à 1800*. Bibliotheca Instituti Historici S.I 37. Roma : Paris: Institutum historicum ; Letouzey & Ané, 1973.

Biographical dictionary focussed on the french jesuit missionaries on China but including many others. Available at [archive.org](https://archive.org) as PDF with embeded OCR. Also in text format, but the OCR in the text format version is of lower quality than the one embeded in the PDF.

This work is used as reference for names, dates and other bibliographical information by

Scope

Enumeration at the start of the *Repertoire* (before p.1):

- those belonging to the vice-province, or to the French mission in China
- those, Chinese or not, that were in continental China (with the exception of Macau) [because "hundreds and hunderds" of those destined to Japan and other non-China missions stayed in Macau and studied at S.Paulo College, see p.XI ].
- the Jesuit Superiors, bishops of Japan and Macau, Visitors (both of Japan and China), vice-provincials, and other superiors even if they never laid foot in China.
- Procurators (fr. procureurs, pt. procuradores) in charge of the mission in Macau and Goa.
- Those that died in China on their way to Japan.
- In smaller print those that were meant for China but died on their way or were detoured to other missions, the "macaistes" that have not worked in inland China and others who influenced, in various ways, the China mission.

The main target are French Jesuits missionaries in China. Mas the

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- Various articles and bibliographies: *La Bibliografia Missionaria, editée par la Congrégation de la Propagande: Archivum Historicum Societatis Iesu (AHSI)*; les *Monumenta Serica* (Pékin; puis Los Angeles) (MS);
- La *Nouvelle Revue de Science Missionnaire* (NZM); le *T'oung Pao* (TP); et, parce qu'elles sont confiées à des spécialistes, nous signalons, à l'occasion, immédiatement après le renvoi aux pages de Pfister, les notices des grands dictionnaires en cours de publication: le *Dictionnaire d'Histoire et de Géographie ecclésiastique* (DHGE) et le *Dictionnaire de Biographie française* (DBF), Letouzey & Ané, Paris; Le *Dictionnaire des Lettres Françaises, XVIIIe Siècle* (DLF), Fayard, Paris; ainsi que leurs homologues d'Italie (DBI), d'Allemagne (NDB), de Belgique et des Pays- Bas (BNB; NBW); *Enciclopedia Cattolica* (EC) du Vatican; *The Catholic Encyclopedia* (CE) et la *New Catholic Encyclopedia* (NCE), de New York; *The Encyclopaedia Britannica* (EB), l'édition de 1971; le *Diccionario Bio-Bibliográfico* de Francisco Zambrano, Mexico.
- Complémented with: *Fonti Ricciane* du Père Pasquale M. D'Elia (FR); la biographie d'Adam Schall, de Vath; les *Sinica Franciscana* (SF), Rome; F. Margiotti, *Cattolismo nello Shansi*, Rome, 1958; A. S. Rosso, *Apostolic Légations in China*, South Pasadena, 1948; et, bien sûr, Huonder, qui renvoie au Welt-Bott.
- "Plus tard, seulement, quand les *Lettres Edifiantes* et les correspondances de nos principaux missionnaires auront été rééditées de manière scientifique — telle celle du Père Antoine Gubil (1689-1759), *Correspondance de Pékin 1722-1759*, 342 lettres publiées chez Droz, à Genève, par madame R. Simon, 1970 — alors les données actuelles pourront être renouvelées, précisées, approfondies et enrichies."

