

**Bl. Alexandrina Maria da Costa** 

Born: 30 March 1904 at Balasar, Oporto, Portugal

Died: 13 October 1955 at Balasar, Oporto, Portugal of natural causes

Beatified: 25 April 2004 by Pope John Paul II

Feast day: October 13

Lay woman from the diocese of Braga, Portugal. At age 14 Alexandrina jumped from a window to escape a rapist; she was injured in the fall, paralyzed, and was bed-ridden for the rest of her life. Member of the Salesian Cooperators. Mystic and visionary. The last 13 years of her life she had the gift of inedia, living solely off daily Communion.