



*“As we have been united in the profession of faith, so let us keep ourselves united in suffrage and intercession”.*

(Fr. Alberione)

Today, Tuesday, 26 May 2009, our brother Priest has concluded his earthly existence

**FR. VINCENZO SILVANO BUONGIORNO**  
***87 years, 75 of Pauline life, 61 of priesthood***

He passed away at night, at 12.03 a.m.(local time), in the Community of Alba/Periodicals following a tumoral form that has spread and diagnosed as advanced in stage.

Coming from Chiaromonte (Potenza, Italy), where he was born on 5 November 1921, Vincenzo – “a young man of praiseworthy religious and moral conduct”, as his parish priest presented him – had entered the Society of Saint Paul in Rome on 4 October 1933, almost twelve years old.

In the Roman seminary he had his first Pauline formation, attending the middle and gymnasial schools and dedicating himself to the typographical apostolate. The novitiate in Alba followed, that ended with his religious profession on 8 September 1940. *“Feeling myself called to the priestly religious life, he wrote on that occasion, I humbly ask to be aggregated to the Pious Society of Saint Paul through the three vows of chastity, obedience and poverty”.*

Lyceum studies followed in Alba. Those of theology in Rome, where he consecrated himself definitively to the Lord on 8 September 1944. The immediate preparation for the Sacred Orders, however, took place in Alba; here he was ordained priest by Mons. Luigi Maria Grassi on 3 August 1947. In the meantime, accompanying his specific studies are tasks in the typographical sector, as page setter for the periodicals *Voce di Roma* and *Voce delle Marche* in the house of Rome and for *Famiglia Cristiana* in the Motherhouse.

Fr. Vincenzo spent the first years of his Pauline priestly ministry committed mainly in teaching, in typographical activity and in the bookstore: first in Paris, France, for a short period (1947-1948), then in Pescara (1948-1951) and finally in Modena (1951-1953). In September of 1953 his transfer to Alba took place.

In this house Fr. Vincenzo stayed for the rest of his life, with activities that ranged in various areas: from school to direction of parish bulletins; from direction of the subscription office for periodicals to the office of sales and promotion; from collaboration with the liturgical bulletin *La Domenica* to parish ministry. All and always with that certain reserve and passion that were characteristic of him.

Significant is the testimony given him on the occasion of the 50th year of his Priesthood (1997) by the parish priest of Roddi with whom he lent his ministry for many years: “Fr. Vincenzo is a priest according to the heart of God. Wise, discrete, humble, generous. Always very punctual. We work always on the same wave-length. Thank you, Fr. Vincenzo, for all the help, the good example, the support you have given to me and to all the parishioners. We all esteem you and love you.”.

With this sentiments of affection that bolster our gratitude and accompany our fraternal suffrage, we say goodbye to our beloved Fr. Vincenzo. May the Lord, to whom we entrust him, grant him relief after hard toil, life after death and eternal rest.

Rome, 26 May 2009

Fr. Giuliano Saredi

*His funeral will take place tomorrow, Wednesday, 27 May, at 2.30 p.m., in the Temple of Saint Paul in Alba. His body will be buried in the Chapel of the Pauline Family in the city cemetery.*

**Le the Superiors of Circumscription inform their communities for the suffrages prescribed (Const. 65 and 65.1)**