



*“Come siamo stati uniti nella professione della fede, così manteniamoci uniti nel suffragio e nell'intercessione”.*

(Don Alberione)

At 10:45 a.m. (local time) on 17 August 2010, at the Assumption Village Nursing Home Chapel in Youngstown, Ohio in the USA, the Father took to Himself, our brother Disciple of the Divine Master

**BRO. PAUL JAMES MANN**

**61 years old, 42 years of Pauline life, 40 of religious profession**

A man of robust and healthy stature, he manifested in August of last year the first symptoms of what turned out to be a cancer which by then had already spread to various internal organs. It forced him to start chemotherapy in December 2009. But all this did not restrain his spirit and his attachment to the Pauline apostolate which he fulfilled until it was possible for him.

Born of Mary and James Mann on July 9, 1949, in Nyack, New York Paul Gerard entered the postulancy for the Brotherhood in the Society of St. Paul on Staten Island, New York on September 25, 1968. The following year, on September 7, 1969 he entered the Novitiate in Canfield, Ohio and made his first profession on September 8, 1970, taking the name of his father and older brother James. His first assignment was in Staten Island, New York where he worked in the mailing and bindery departments and eventually on the Offset Presses until January of 1976

On September 4, 1976, he made his Perpetual Profession at the Mother Seton shrine in Manhattan, New York. He was transferred to Canfield, Ohio where he continued working in the printing department for the next ten years. In 1986 he returned to Staten Island where, for the next twenty years, he worked in the stock room, handling inventory, shipping, mailing and maintenance.

He was transferred back to Canfield, Ohio in 2006 where he remained until his death. The final year of his life was an especially difficult one with many regular long trips to the Clinic in Cleveland, Ohio for radiation and chemotherapy treatments. And still with it all he did not let it interfere with his determination to adhere to the community schedule in every possible way, never complaining and ever grateful for the assistance he received from his confreres. Two brothers, Robert and Peter, preceded him in death and he leaves behind two others: James and John.

His ease in his personal relationships with others, his availability to assist anyone in need were characteristic of his outgoing nature. Emblematic of his generosity when it came to the service of others were his years with the Volunteer Fire Department in Canfield, Ohio and his membership in the Knights of Columbus in Staten Island. His desire to express the charity of Christ to every person he met, in very diverse circumstances of his life and at any hour of the day or night, was a distinctive trait of his personality. His love for the charism of the Congregation and his fidelity to its practices of piety impressed everyone who knew him. Finally, we cannot leave unmentioned the imprint of an ever-present smile on his face that so identified the personality of this very loving brother and confrere.

Let us accompany Bro. James with our prayers of suffrage and entrust to him the needs of the United States Province and of the development of the Pauline apostolate in America.

*Rome, 18 August 2010*

*Br. Lorenzo Vezzani*

**I Superiori di Circoscrizione informino le loro comunità per i suffragi prescritti (Cost. 65 e 65.1)**