



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

(Fr. Alberione)

At 6.45 a.m. (local time) today, 26 June 2010, in the infirmary of the community of Alba, our brother Disciple of the Divine Master, has returned to the Father.

BRO. LUIGI TIMOTEO MONTANARO
91 years, 71 of Pauline life, 64 of religious profession

Coming from Cossano Belbo (Cuneo, Italy), where he was born on 28 August 1918, Luigi entered the Society of Saint Paul in Alba on 1 November 1938. He was a little more than a twenty-year old; he had attended the course for Alpine Official Cadets in Bassano (Vicenza), and he showed himself as a young man strong-willed even to perfection, a man with good religious sensitivity and endowed with a lively intellect and with initiative.

In May of 1945 he started his year of novitiate in the Motherhouse which he concluded making his first religious profession on 3 May 1946, assuming on that occasion the new name of Timoteo. Bookbinding, teaching, assisting the aspirants – in the houses of Alba and Sacile – these were his activities in the field of formation and apostolate in the following years until his perpetual profession in Alba on 2 May 1951.

Later we find Bro. Luigi in Bari (1952-1954), assigned to activities of maintenance as electrician and mechanic and teaching for some hours the aspirants; a long period follows in the bookstore of Rome (1954-1961) and Turin (1962-1972). Leaving the bookstore, his stay continues in Turin and his tasks are varied: from the library to errands; from the depository of the SAIE to collaboration in the parish, and always with a vigilant eye on the most disparate situations of poverty and need: “I go from one sick person to another, abandoned persons, disheartened persons, hospital patients, or, worse, in retirement houses,” we find written. In May of 2005 his transfer to the infirmary of Alba takes place as he needs assistance and adequate care.

Looking through his correspondence, we see some bits of his soul that reveal to us in simplicity his heart and the intensity of his religious life. Sometimes he good-naturedly reads himself: “I have been born a bungler and have lived as a bungler, and as a bungler I shall continue to go ahead. But I thank the Lord who has put me beside willing persons and for always pushing me forward with new courage.” At other times he judges himself severely in light of the word of God: “I am warned to spend these years in light and not in *works of iniquity* (Mt 7,23) dressed as good works; to walk on the way of sanctity and to draw close to Paradise. Unfortunately it is not so. There are moments when I do not know where I’m going....” However, “I’m at peace because the future time not being mine, I am called to realize the present one.” And this “on one hand pushes me to continue in my offering, and on the other hand to ask the prayers of one closer to God than me.”

Bits of his soul, lessons that this dear brother Disciple of ours imparts to us, who has given his life and spent his energies to “live and give to the world Jesus Christ Way, Truth and Life.” Let us remember his examples. Now, close to the divine Master, may he intercede for the needs of the Congregation, above all for vocations to the Disciples. On our part, let us accompany him with our Christian and fraternal prayers of suffrage.

Rome, 26 June 2010

Fr. Giuliano Saredi

The funerals will take place on Monday, 28 June 2010, at 3 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.

The Superiors are to inform their communities for the prescribed suffrages (Const. 65 and 65.1)