



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

(Don Alberione)

At 2.15 p.m. today, Saturday 21 August 2010, the Father has called to everlasting life our brother priest

FR. CARMELO VENANZIO PANEBIANCO
84 years, 68 of Pauline life, 54 of priesthood

His passing away has taken place due to a diffused form of tumor in the infirmary of the community "San Paolo" in Rome, where he was lovingly attended to, a few hours after he told the Superior General Fr. Silvio Sassi about his will to offer his life for Pauline vocations.

Carmelo was born in Caltagirone (Catania, Italy) on 20 July 1926, the sixth of nine brothers. His father died at the start of 1939; on 15 December 1941, when he was fifteen, he entered the community of the Society of Saint Paul in Catania. At the end of his novitiate which he lived in Albano Laziale, he made his first profession on 8 September 1946 in Alba and five years later in Rome he consecrated himself perpetually to the Lord. He was ordained a priest by Mons. Luigi Traglia on 5 January 1956 in the Crypt of the "Sanctuary of the Queen of Apostles," in the presence of Fr. Alberione.

His first apostolic commitment directly entrusted to him by the Founder, was that of vocation promotion, which he organized starting from the community of Rome, becoming in fact the first official vocation promoter of the Congregation in Italy. Besides the innumerable trips that he has made because of this task, we should remember the preparation of the "Exhibit of the Church," willed by Fr. Alberione on the occasion of Vatican Council II and realized under the direction of Fr. Carmelo in the premises of the Fiera Campionaria of Rome, from 18 November to 9 December 1962.

Fr. Alberione, who in those years had clearly seen the need to differentiate the offering in order to reach an ever more vast public, giving great impulse to the means of social communication besides the press, entrusted to Fr. Panebianco the discographic apostolate, sending him to Albano Laziale. From 1964 to 1974 he was able to concentrate his energies in this unexplored and receptive environment of the Pauline apostolate, undoubtedly not lacking in risks. Fr. Alberione also asked him to follow closely the nascent Congregation of the Apostoline and their principal editorial activity, the vocational magazine "Se vuoi."

In 1975 he asked and obtained to dedicate himself to direct pastoral and this was what characterized all the rest of the life of Fr. Carmelo, first in the parish of St. John Chrysostom in Rome, where he remained until 1980, then at Lubumbashi (Congo) in the Parish of S. Paolo and since 1987 as vice-parish priest of the "Regina degli Apostoli" sanctuary in Rome; the parishioners could easily meet him in the chapel of S. Timothy, where he exercised his ministry with zeal.

While we entrust the whole life of this our brother priest to the hands of the heavenly Father and to the Queen of Apostles, we ask from him the support of his intercession for young men, especially those in the continent of Africa, particularly dear to him and who want to follow the steps of the chaste, poor and obedient Christ.

Rome, 21 August 2010

Br. Lorenzo Vezzani

His funeral will be held on Monday, 23 August, at 4 p.m. in the Sanctuary of the Queen of Apostles. His body will then be transported to Alba, to be buried in the Chapel of the Pauline Family in the city cemetery.

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