



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

(Fr. Alberione)

At dawn of the feast of Saints Peter and Paul, in the hospital Moncloa of Madrid, at 1.30 today, the Divine Master has called to his eternal reward our brother Disciple

BROTHER JULIÁN FERNÁNDEZ LUCIO
81 years, 67 of Pauline life, 62 of religious profession

The first of five brothers, of whom one a priest, brother Julián was born in Ciudad de Ebro (Burgos, Spain) on 15 August 1929. Soon after his fourteenth birthday, he enters the Congregation in Bilbao, in the former house at Campo Volantín, on 29 September 1943, during the difficult years following the Civil War in Spain and the Second World War. He starts the novitiate on 3 September 1947, in Bilbao-Deusto, where he makes his first profession the following year. He will make instead his perpetual profession in Zalla (Vizcaya) on 8 September 1954.

Starting from his entrance in the Society of Saint Paul, brother Julián, in his long life, has passed successively through varied apostolic commitments in different communities, much appreciated in all due to his evident examples of generosity: in the printing press in Bilbao and Zalla (1943-1970), in the warehouse and the shipping sector of the house of Protasio Gómez in Madrid (1970-1982) and in the bookstores of Oviedo and Jacinto Benavente in Madrid (1983-1988). In the last years of his life, in spite of many health problems (due to some heart and circulatory ailments and Parkinson's disease), since he desired to always feel himself useful to the Congregation until the last moment, he dedicated himself to the humble task of various services that are always necessary (errands, telephone center, porter's desk), in the house of Protasio Gómez of Madrid (1989-2007) and starting 2007 in Las Rozas (Madrid), until his recent admission to the hospital Moncloa of Madrid last week, where he passed away today.

Affable of character and very talkative, brother Julián has always characterized himself by his great love and dedication to the Pauline Family and by his fidelity to commitments assumed in the religious profession, in the apostolate, and in community and prayer life. Thanks to his great love for reading and for his good memory, he has always been well informed about what was happening in the world wherein he lived, from the social to the religious, to the cultural, to the political, the tourist, the sporting, from the regional, national up to international level. About any theme being tackled, brother Julián had always some ready word to contribute and an idea ordinarily well formed and adherent to reality.

Until the start of his eighty years, he has enjoyed good health, of which he could boast in his apostolic commitments and even in his pastimes for sport, including his involvement in football when he was young. Starting from eighty years, after having overcome with some deficiencies a heart attack, he has seen himself forced to reduce much the rhythm of his

activity, as he is also afflicted by other ailments like Parkinson's disease and diabetes. He has concluded his days following pneumonia and other cardio-circulatory problems.

Let us accompany this dear brother with our prayers so that he may enjoy glory without end, reserved for those who have loved and served Christ (cf 1Pt 1,8). We ask him to intercede for the Congregation before the Lord, in particular for the Province of Spain and for the Disciples of the Divine Master.

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Fr. Vincenzo Vitale

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