



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

(Fr. Alberione)

At 4 yesterday (local time), 23 August 2011, in Los Ángeles (California, Province of Mexico), the Divine Master has called to his eternal reward our brother Priest

FR. VALERIANO MARIO GIACHINO

80 years, 69 of Pauline life, 62 of religious profession, 54 of priesthood

Fr. Mario was born on 15 February 1931 in Novello (Cuneo, Italy), the fourth of six brothers. He entered the Society of Saint Paul on 13 August 1942, at the age of 11, in the Motherhouse of Alba. In Alba he received his first formation, lived the novitiate (1947-1948), at the end of which he made his first religious profession on 8 September 1948, and continued high school. In 1951 he was transferred to Albano Laziale (Rome) for a year of experience as group assistant. From 1952 to 1957 he studied theology at the Pauline International College in Rome, where he also made his perpetual profession on 8 September 1954 and was ordained a priest on 25 January 1957 by Mons. Ettore Cunial.

In that same year the Primo Maestro decided to send Fr. Mario to Santa Fé in Bogotá (Colombia), where he exercised his apostolate in the printing press and as group formator.

In 1963 he was destined to Mexico, nation where Fr. Mario wanted to go and where he had as first task that of formator of the group of the Maggiorini and the demanding one of bursar. From 1970 to 1973 he lent his service as superiore of the community of Taxqueña, of which he was also the bursar. Together with Fr. Ricardo Rojas he took up the responsibility of the apostolate. It is in this period that the *Biblia del Padre Agustín Magaña Méndez* was realized, the edition and diffusion of which did an immense good to the Church of Mexico.

In 1983, for reasons of health, he was transferred to the community of Los Ángeles (California, USA), collaborating initially in the San Paolo bookstore. Thereafter he was named in charge of the periodical publications *Asamblea Eucarística* and *Together*, tasks that he held until his death. He carried out various other commitments, among which two mandates as superior of the community (1991-1995 and 2001-2004).

In 2007, together with his same town fellow Fr. Adriano Cornaglia, he celebrated his 50th year of priesthood: on this occasion the Pauline Family of the Province of Mexico showed him their admiration, affection and gratitude for having offered his life and his best years at the service of the spread of the Gospel in the Mexican nation. Many are the witnesses who remember the amiability and the extraordinary kindness of Fr. Mario, as well as the welcoming attitude reserved to all the men and women Paulines by this son of Italy who "has made himself a Mexican" out of love and dedication for his vocation.

Recently he has been struck by a form of tumor that has brought him to death, but he has always kept his good humor until the last days and has kept everyone in hope. Through his testimony and his word he has continued to animate the province of Mexico that he loved so

much, and he has always tried to accomplish, with renewed ardor and new expressions, the mission entrusted to us by the Divine Master.

We entrust to the kind countenance of Christ the Master, who awaits his faithful servants in the eternal dwellings, this our confrere of whom the Province of Mexico recognizes herself a debtor. To him we entrust the task of interceding before the Lord in particular for this Province and its apostolic necessities, and for the good success of the triennium of preparation for the Centenary of the Congregation.

Rome, 24 August 2011

Fr. Vincenzo Vitale

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