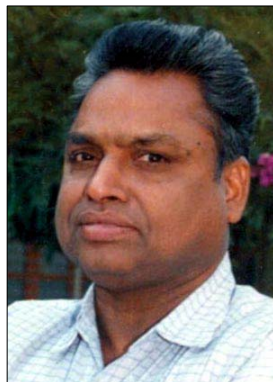


SOCIETY OF ST. PAUL  
general house



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

At 00:45 A.M. (local time) today, 29 December 2012, at the Community of Mumbai, our brother left for the home of the Father

**BR. VINCENT ANDREW (CROSS) PUTHUKADAN**  
**69 years, 48 years a Pauline, 43 years of religious profession**

Coming from Trichur (Kerala, South India), he was born on 22 August 1943, first among the four children of Antony and Mary Puthukadan. Vincent entered the Society of St. Paul as a young man of twenty in the house of Mumbai on 17 June 1964. He had two brothers and a sister, Sr. Veena, a religious in the Congregation of the Daughters of the Cross.

He had his novitiate and made the first religious profession in Allahabad on 16 July 1969, assuming the name Andrew; he also lived the years of his temporary profession in the same community, working tirelessly in the Press, and made his perpetual profession on 30 June 1975. His transfer to the community of Mumbai followed, where for two years he worked in the photography department, the same apostolic activity he continued for five years in Allahabad (1976-1981).

From 1981 onwards several apostolic tasks characterized the successive stages of the Pauline life of Brother Vincent: initially in Bangalore, where he was manager of the printing press; then in the photography and bookbinding departments in Mumbai, wherever his services are needed; there followed several years in the book centres in Madras, Pune, Kochi, Kozhikode and interspersed with periodic stops at Allahabad and in Bangalore to attend to the local printing presses and at various jobs; finally in New Delhi to dedicate himself in the St Paul Communications, the mini-media centre.

With occurring health problems he was advised to transfer to Mumbai for adequate medical care, which was given him constantly in the nearby Holy Family Hospital. Recently there were signs of improvement; unfortunately, after a bad fall in his room in mid-December he had to be rushed to the hospital where he became comatose resulting from brain injury. Even after being placed at the ICCU in the Holy Family Hospital, he showed no sign of recovery despite a thorough medical treatment. He lived his last two days in the infirmary of the Mumbai community, surrounded by the affection and prayer of the confreres.

Brother Vincent – affectionately known as *Brother Cross*, had to suffer a lot for many years which he took with a good spirit, offering it to the Divine Master, through the hands of Mary, to whom he was greatly devoted. As a committed Pauline, he spent all his energies to the service of the Word of God, in good health as well as in sickness.

In the intimacy with the Divine Master, this dear brother became his disciple to obtain the "wisdom of the heart", which makes precious the days and works before God and for the world. Now he lives in God and intercedes for the needs of the India-Nigeria Province and of the Pauline Family. Let us accompany him with our fraternal suffrages.

*Rome, 29 December 2012*

*Fr. Giuliano Saredi*

*Funeral Mass will be at 9:00 A.M., Monday, 31 December, in the Chapel of the Mumbai community. His mortal remains will be laid to rest at the Pauline Family's burial ground at Sewri, Mumbai.*

**Circumscription Superiors inform their communities for the prescribed suffrages (Const. 65 and 65.1)**