



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

(Fr. Alberione)

At 6:45 this morning (local time), at the Moncloa hospital of Madrid, our brother Priest has returned to the Father.

DON AGAPITO LUIS ALIENDA PALMA

73 years, 61 of Pauline life, 53 of religious profession, 46 of priesthood

Fr. Agapito, the sixth of nine brothers, was born at Barcina de los Montes (Burgos, Spain), on 5 February 1940, of a deeply religious farming family. He entered the Congregation at Zalla (Vizcaya) on 12 October 1952 and made his first religious profession on 8 September 1960 in Coslada (Madrid). At Zalla he studied philosophy and in 1963 he was transferred for theological studies to the Pauline International College in Rome. He made his perpetual profession here on 8 September 1965 and on 30 June 1967 he was ordained a priest. Since then he dedicated himself fully to the apostolate, with generosity, dedication and enthusiasm.

Fr. Agapito carried out various mansions in the various Pauline communities in Spain: he was committed in the agency of *San Pablo Films* for several times in Coslada (1967-1968), Las Rozas (1980-1982) and Valencia (1982-1986); he was master of the aspirants in Coslada (1968-1974) and at Zalla (1974-1976); he worked for vocational pastoral in the bookstores of *San Pablo* of Oviedo (1976-1980), Las Rozas (1987-1988), Seville (1988-1994), Barcelona (1997-1998) and Bilbao (1998-2002); he also worked for vocational pastoral, besides in the provincial archives and in spirituality at Madrid in the communities of Protasio Gómez (2002-2004), Vizconde de los Asilos (1994-1997; 2004-2008) and for the aggregated Pauline Institutes at Protasio Gómez (2010-2012). He also carried out the service of authority as superior in various communities: Oviedo (1976-1980), Valencia (1982-1986), Seville (1988-1994) and Protasio Gómez (2010-2013).

Fr. Agapito was totally taken up by his vocation. He was always docile to his superiors, very faithful to the life of prayer and generous in the apostolate. His love for the Pauline Family was reflected in his constant availability for the service of animation for the Daughters of Saint Paul, the Pious Disciples of the Divine Master, the aggregated Pauline Institutes, the Pauline Cooperators and in collaboration with the parish priest friends of the Pauline Family.

Being of rather slender build and very frugal in food due to stomach problems that have always accompanied him throughout his life, Fr. Agapito started to feel lumbar disturbances last June. Seeing that his pains persisted and even extended to the rest of his body, he went to the doctors who after various clinical analyses diagnosed various problems: anemia, arthrosis of the spinal column, gastritis and a mild polyp. But nothing succeeded in explaining his great weakness and the acute pains he suffered. At the end of September the doctors discovered a multiple myeloma with crushings of the vertebrae from which he did not recover anymore.

We now entrust this our confrere to the goodness of the Divine Master, so that he may exult in the divine liturgy together with the numerous array of the Pauline Family in heaven. We entrust to him now, in the year of the Centenary, intercession for the needs of the Congregation and of the Province of Spain, in particular for the perseverance of the young seminarians to whom he felt very close, as we accompany him with our fraternal suffrage so that he may enjoy eternal rest in God.

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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)