



"As we are united in the profession of faith, so shall we remain united in suffrage and intercession".

(Fr Alberione)

Yesterday at 07:00 (local time), in the Marqués University Hospital of Valdecilla at Santander (Cantabria, Spain), has returned to the Father our brother

FR ANTONIO FERNÁNDEZ DE ARRÓYABE PÉREZ

79 years of age, 64 of Pauline life, 54 of religious profession, 51 of priesthood

Fr Antonio, fifth among seven brothers, was born at Lagrán (Álava, Spain), on 4 February 1934. One of his sisters is a Nun in the Mercedaries Sisters of Charity. Fr. Antonio entered in the Congregation in the community of Zalla (Vizcaya) on 12 September 1948: Here while treading the first steps of Pauline life and mission, he carried out his studies, especially that of philosophy. On 7 September 1957, he started his Novitiate at Coslada (Madrid), for the first time in this place, and made his first religious profession on 8 September 1958. Then he continued his Theology in Rome where he made his perpetual profession on 8 September 1961 and was ordained priest on 1 July 1962.

After his priestly ordination, Fr. Desiderio Costa, the Founder of the Congregation in Spain, sent him to the community of Zalla, where he carried out his Pauline mission as in charge of Apostolate (1963-1964), master of aspirants (1964-1968) and professor ((1968-1970). From 1970 onwards, he was always in one of the Pauline communities in Madrid: first in the community of Coslada, as professor and director of the warehouse (1970-1975), then in the community of Las Rozas (1976-1982) as administrator of the St Paul book centre of calle Carretas and at the end in the community of Protasio Gómez (1982-2012). For 25 years, he directed with great dedication and capacity the musical sector of the editions which under his guidance achieved great growth and continuity.

Methodical in all that he did, assuming a simple, cheerful, and at times humorous character, Fr. Antonio offered himself with generous dedication to the responsibilities entrusted to him; but it is in the field of production and diffusion of discs that he offered his best.

At the age of 20, Fr Antonio had suffered a pathological pleurisy from which he recovered after a year. Then he did not have problems regarding health till 2005 when he began to have serious heart and lung problems which required periodical hospitalization. With a surgical intervention, the mitral valve was replaced and he was dependent for oxygen since five years. He went for holidays on 20th July in the house of the Passionists Fathers at Herrera de Camargo (Santander). Due to a strong cold, on 8 August, he was admitted in the Mompía clinic in Camargo (Santander). From here he was transferred to the Marqués University Hospital of Valdecilla where he breathed his last.

Let us entrust our brother to the Divine Master so that he can enjoy the heavenly liturgy together with the numerous choirs of Pauline Family in heaven. Let us also ask his intercession for the needs of the Congregation and especially for the Province of Spain as we accompany our brother with our fraternal suffrage so that he can rest eternally in God.

Rome, 21 August 2013

Fr. Vincenzo Vitale

**The Superiors of circumscriptions are to inform their communities of the prescribed suffrages
(Cost. 65 e 65.1)**