



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

(Fr. Alberione)

At 2 p.m. today (local time), 21 March, in the clinic Fuensanta of Madrid, our brother Priest has returned to the Father.

FR. ANTONIO GREGORIO PINEDO FORONDA

75 years, 63 of Pauline life, 54 of religious profession, 48 of priesthood

Fr. Antonio was born in Mijala de Losa (Burgos, Spain) on 10 October 1937. He has entered the Congregation in Zalla (Vizcaya) on 25 August 1949. He has made here his high school and philosophy studies. He has lived his novitiate in Coslada (Madrid), where he has made his first religious profession on 8 September 1958. In 1960 he has begun his theological studies in Rome, where he has made his perpetual profession on 8 September 1962 and has been ordained a priest on 30 June 1964. He has stayed in Rome still for one year after his ordination, following courses in pastoral theology at the Pontifical Lateran University, afterwards to be destined to Coslada (Madrid).

Here, from 1966 to 1971 he has alternated in his Pauline mission the tasks of professor, formator of the aspirants and in charge of publicity. From 1972 to 1991 he has been in charge of the export sector of *Centro de Ediciones Paulinas* (the actual commercial area of San Pablo España) in the community of Madrid. Due to his notable experience acquired in the field of exportation, in the following 17 years he has been department head of exportation of SOBICAIN (1991-2008).

Reserved in character but sensitive, Fr. Antonio as a priest has been intelligent, ingenious, capable and obliging. He possessed various manual skills that he knew how to put at the service of one who had recourse to him. In community life he showed a certain tendency toward silence, although sometimes he surprised with witty remarks, imbued with a certain humor, fruit of his refined intelligence. In his apostolic activities he has always been rigorous, orderly, precise and very responsible with numbers, accounts and all the documentation needed for exportations. Qualities that he has shown in the long period dedicated to the diffusion of the *Latin-american Bible*, lending an excellent service to the Paulines of all the countries in Latin America.

Up to the middle of 2008 Fr. Antonio has always enjoyed good health, but intense cervical and lumbar pains have forced him to interrupt brusquely his generous dedication to his apostolic activities. After two surgical interventions, he has gradually lost his fluency in language, manifesting marked psychomotor slowness. In May of 2011 he has been hospitalized in the clinic of Fuensanta in Madrid for bilateral bronchial pneumonia, respiratory insufficiency and symptoms of anemia. At the same time he has begun to suffer the first symptoms of Alzheimer's and Parkinsons disease, resulting in cerebral atrophy and strong cognitive deterioration. In the last five years he has been hospitalized several times, with ever weakening health, until his death today.

We now entrust our confrere to the Divine Master and risen Lord, so that he may rejoice in the liturgy of heaven together with the numerous array of the Pauline Family in heaven. To him, who has always dedicated the best of his energies to tasks in the community and to the biblical apostolate, we entrust intercession for the needs of the Congregation and particularly of the Province of Spain, as we accompany him with our fraternal suffrage.

Rome, 21 March 2013

Fr. Vincenzo Vitale

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