



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

(Fr. Alberione)

At 12:00 nn.(local time) yesterday, in the Royal Victoria Hospital of Montréal (Canada), our brother Priest has returned to the Father.

FR. ALPHONSO ALBERTO REGO

82 years, 60 of Pauline life, 58 of religious profession, 51 of priesthood

Fr. Alphonso was born on 29 June 1931, feast of Saints Peter and Paul, in Bijai (Mangalore, India) of Benjamin and Mary Marta Lobo. He entered the Congregation already as an adult on 22 January 1953, in the community of Allahabad and upon finishing the novitiate made his first profession on 20 October 1954. Then he came to Italy for theological studies in the Pauline International College in Rome, where he made his perpetual profession on 8 September 1959 and was ordained a priest on 1 July 1962 by Mons. Ettore Cunial.

Fr. Alphonso spent his first years of priesthood in his Province of origin: first as director of the printing press in Bombay (1964-1978), where he fills as mandate also the role of superior of the community (1971-1974), then as director of the printing press in Bangalore (1978-1980).

After a year of updating spent in the General House of Rome (1980-1981), a long period for Fr. Alphonso starts when he lends his service in Canada. Fr. Alphonso had shown to his Superiors his desire to go to Canada «where I can be more useful in the apostolate». In Canada he was able to make use of his experience in the apostolate as manager of the printing press in the community of Sherbrooke (1981-1987); after a period in Montréal (1987-1995), he is once again in the community of Sherbrooke, committed in the bookstore and as bursar (1995-2005). Finally he returns to Montréal (2005-2011), where due to the weakening of his forces, he had to limit his activities.

Health problems advised his transfer to Italy, where he remains for some time in Albano, in the house Don Alberione (2011-2012). But difficulties arising from permit to stay oblige him to return to Canada, where he spent for about thirty years his best energies. The worsening of his condition of health led to his hospitalization on 14 September, in Royal Victoria Hospital of Montréal, where he passed away.

Fr. Rego was a generous person in his dedication to the Pauline life, in his prayer as well as in his apostolate; he is reserved as to character, but docile and available for the needs of the Pauline mission. He had a particularly intense feeling for the missions abroad and would have wanted to go even to Africa, impeded however by his always precarious health.

We now entrust this our confrere to the Divine Master, so that he may rejoice in the heavenly 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 in particular the needs of the Region of Canada-France, as we accompany him with our fraternal suffrage so that he may enjoy eternal rest in God.

Rome, 28 September 2013

Fr. Vincenzo Vitale

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