



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

(Fr. Alberione)

In the first hours of Sunday, 29 December 2013,
our brother Priest has ended his earthly existence

FR. FUJIO PIETRO ATANASIO TANIGUCHI
76 years, 63 of Pauline life, 48 of priesthood

He passed away at night, at 10.50 p.m. (local time), in the Catholic hospital "San Giovanni Sakura-Machi" of Tokyo, where he was admitted about a month ago due to a form of tumor spread and diagnosed in an advanced state.

Coming from Tabira (Nagasaki, Japan), where he was born on 15 December 1937, Fujio Pietro entered the Society of Saint Paul in Fukuoka on 21 March 1950, at the age of twelve.

He had his first Pauline formation in the seminary of Fukuoka, attending to his intellectual formation and dedicating himself to the printing press apostolate. Starting 8 April 1957 followed the year of novitiate in Tokyo, which ended with his religious profession on 9 April 1958, when he assumed the new name of Atanasio. Three years later, on 9 April 1961, he made his perpetual profession in Akasaka-Tokyo.

Theological studies followed in the Pauline International College in Rome, and he was ordained a priest in the Roman Sanctuary "Queen of Apostles" by Mons. Ettore Cunial on 30 June 1965.

Upon his return in Japan, Fr. Atanasio dedicated the first years of his priestly life to the formation of the juniors in Tokyo and Hachioji (1966-1973); of this last house he then became superior (1973-1976). In 1976 began the long period of his apostolate in the redactional sector, which saw him committed in various activities, ranging from the planning to the redaction of Japanese Pauline magazines, from the direction of "The Pauline Cooperator" to redacting of books. This long period was interrupted by his two-year stay in Rome (1980-1982) attending classes at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas as candidate for Doctorate in Social Sciences, his topic being "L'influsso sociale di Fra Luca Pacioli attraverso la scuola e gli scritti di contabilità" (The social influence of Fra Luca Pacioli through the school and his writings on accounting), by his work as director of the Center of Spirituality (1991-1997) and by his new task as superior of the community of Hachioji (2000-2002).

Serious health problems accompanied him in the last years, especially starting 2008. He was able, however, to continue to carry out the activity assigned to him with serenity and competence. What sustained him was his good and sociable character, at the same time discreet and reserved.

Loyalty to his Pauline vocation and mission, his love for the Congregation, the apostolate done with sound judgment, his cordial optimism illumine the figure of this our confrere, to whose intercession – in the 100th year of our foundation – we entrust the needs of the Congregation, above all of the Province of Japan.

With these sentiments, which support our thanks and accompany our fraternal suffrage, we bid goodbye to our beloved Fr. Atanasio. May the Lord grant him relief after his hard toil, life after death and eternal rest.

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Fr. Giuliano Saredi

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(Const. 65 and 65.1)