



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

(Fr. Alberione)

At 1:00 p.m. today (local time), in the community of Genoa, our brother Priest has returned to the Father.

**FR. ALDO STEFANO BERTOLOTTI**

***91 years, 80 of Pauline life, 73 of religious profession, 66 of priesthood***

Fr. Aldo was born in Tarsogno di Tornolo (Parma, Italy) on 22 October 1922 and entered the Congregation while still very young on 28 October 1933, in the community of Alba. Here he received his first formation and did his novitiate (1939-1940), at the end of which he made his first profession on 8 September 1940. He made his perpetual profession in Rome, on 8 September 1944 and was ordained a priest by Mons. Luigi Grassi, on 3 August 1947.

From 1947 to 1948 he was assigned as teacher of literature in the community of Fidenza. The following year he was sent to Great Britain in the community of London, where he stayed until 1953, dedicating himself to the redaction of the bulletin *La voce degli Italiani*.

At his return in Italy, he was in the community of Cinisello Balsamo (1953-1968), where he was committed in various apostolates: as teacher of literature and of the English language (1953-1959), as vocation promoter and teacher (1959-1963), as formator of the seminarians and once more teacher (1963-1968). After three years in the community of Modena (1968-1971) as superior, bursar and teacher, he returned again to lend his service by teaching in the community of Cinisello Balsamo (1972-1979). Then he was once more in the communities of Genoa (1979-1983), where he was superior and bursar, of Modena (1983-1984), as collaborator of the bursar, and of Cinisello Balsamo, where he worked as Delegate of the Provincial Superior (1984-1986). Finally, he returned to the community of Genoa, where he stayed from 1987 until his death, dedicating himself to the ministry and to various services for the community. His death took place today following a renal blockade, after a week of hospitalization.

Being reserved in character but cordial and candid like folks in Emilia, Fr. Aldo has always stood out for his fidelity to his Pauline vocation which he had embraced with conviction: "From the time I entered this Holy House, I have always remained firm in my ideal, that of becoming one day an Apostle of Christ," he wrote to his formator in December 1938, even before entering the novitiate. And precisely with the spirit of the apostle he lived the various commitments that gradually were entrusted to him.

We now entrust this our confrere to the mercy of the Divine Master, so that "conformed to his death" (Phil 3,11), he may now be similarly so in his resurrection, together with the numerous array of the Pauline Family in heaven. We ask him, in this year of our Centenary, to intercede for the needs of the Congregation and of the Province of Italy, as we accompany him with our fraternal suffrage so that he may enjoy eternal rest in God.

*Rome, 10 April 2014*

*Fr. Vincenzo Vitale*

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