



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

(Fr. Alberione)

At 1.45 p.m. Friday, 6 March, in the community of "Divina Provvidenza" in Alba, our brother priest has returned to the house of the Father.

FR. PIERGIORGIO AMBROGIO BERETTA

81 years, 68 of Pauline life, 63 of profession and 55 of priesthood

Fr. Piergiorgio was born on 29 June 1933 in Lecco (Como, Italy). He entered the Congregation on 2 November 1946 in the seminary of Carenno (Bergamo). After finishing his novitiate at Albano Laziale (1950-1951), he made his first religious profession on 8 September 1951. He then carried on theological studies in Rome, where he made his perpetual profession on 8 September 1956 and was ordained a priest by Mons. Luigi Traglia on 5 July 1959.

From 1959 to 1961 he was director of the printing press of Rome, to then pass to the direction of the bookbindery in the novitiate of Ostia Lido (1961-1966), receiving in the meantime the license in pastoral at the Pontifical Lateran University (1962) and in moral theology at the Alfonsianum (1967). In the same period he was also teacher of moral theology in the International Pauline College of Rome (1964-1970); then he was formator of the temporary disciples (1966-1969) and of the adult vocations in Albano Laziale (1969-1970).

From 1973 to 1984 he was committed in the redaction of the Edizioni Paoline in Rome, an apostolate that he still continued for many years in the community of Cinisello Balsamo. Starting 1986 he also had the official task of reviser of the books "on the part of the Congregation," in view of their publication. In 1999, he had the satisfaction of receiving the Capri - San Michele Award for having edited the *Nuovo Testamento interlineare. Greco, latino, italiano*, a work that intensely occupied him for some years, a real jewel in the editorial panorama of those years and a testimony of his love as a Pauline for the diffusion of the Word of God. Then he turned to do likewise for *Esodo*, published in 2000, with the text in Hebrew and interlinear translation in Italian and with the Latin and Greek text facing. Works that witness well to his cultural ability and to his tenacity for a tiresome and analytical work.

At threshold of 80 years, declining health, appearing due to cerebral atrophy and symptoms of senile dementia, has suggested that Fr. Piergiorgio be transferred to the infirmary of the community of Alba (later called "Divina Provvidenza"), so he could be aided adequately. He has passed away here, following bronchial pneumonia from which he seemed to have recovered.

We now entrust this our confrere to the Divine Master, so that after his long suffering, he may exult in the heavenly liturgy together with the numerous array of the Pauline Family in heaven. We now entrust to him intercession for the needs of the Congregation and in particular those of the Province of Italy, as we accompany him with our fraternal suffrage so that he may enjoy eternal rest in God.

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Fr. Vincenzo Vitale

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