

SOCIETY OF ST PAUL
The Secretary General



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

(Fr. Alberione)

At dawn on Sunday, 25 October 2015, the Solemnity of Jesus Christ the Divine Master, the Lord suddenly called to his eternal reward our temporary professed Disciple

BR. MACKSON PEDRO DE SOUZA BEZERRA

30 years of age: 8 of Pauline life, almost three years of religious profession.

Mackson Pedro was born on 28 November 1984 in Natal, the Brazilian city located in the State of Rio Grande do Norte. Son of Marcos Bezerra do Nascimento and Cristiana Pedro de Souza, he has learned as a child in the family those deep human and Christian values that have made him at age 24 years to choose the path of religious life in the Society of St. Paul. Of these values are the many witnesses who have had the opportunity to live together with him, both before and after he joined the Society of Saint Paul.

Br. Jackson entered the Congregation on 12 February 2008 in Caxias do Sul, where he lived for four years attending the preparatory year and completing the first Pauline formation. In 2011 he graduated in philosophy at the local university. He later moved to Medellin (Colombia, Ibero-American Novitiate), where in 2012 he completed the canonical time of novitiate, concluded in Sao Paulo on 27 January 2013, where he professed the first vows of poverty, chastity, obedience and fidelity to the Pope, making the decision to become a disciple of the Divine Master. He moved into the community of Belo Horizonte to do his studies of theology at the local faculty run by the Jesuits. He should have completed this year his formative curriculum. Br. Mackson was also dedicated to the apostolate and was cooperating with the local web radio. In 2016 he should have started his preparation for perpetual profession.

The call to the eternal reward of our young brother leaves us with dismay and puts everyone before a void difficult to fill. We also think of the many young men and women whom he, with great joy and fervour, served in the pastoral care and in music whether in the community of Caxias do Sul or in that of Belo Horizonte. As a desire for the apostolate, this aptitude, which Br. Mackson cultivated in his young Pauline heart, would have been probably projected in the field of formation and music production.

In these eight years of Pauline life Br. Mackson has been able to live with that spirit of love and dedication that he learned in the school of Primo Maestro and that led him to want to live a life full of apostolic zeal for the good of the Church and of the Congregation. A short life but full of love for God. A young man who, wherever he went, left a sign of joy and faithfulness in living his religious vows.

Now that his earthly journey ended, let us ask the Divine Master to grant him the eternal reward and the needed consolation for those who now mourn his sudden and unexpected death. To Br. Mackson let us entrust the young people around the world to intercede for them before the Trinity.

Rome, 26 October 2015

Fr. Stefano Stimamiglio

The date of the funeral will be determined still. The interment would probably be in Natal, the city of his family origin.

The Superiors of Circumscription are to inform their communities for the prescribed suffrages (Cost. 65 e 65.1).