

SOCIETY OF ST. PAUL
General House



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

(Fr. Alberione)

At 10.30 of this day, 26 September, at the “*Bassini*” di Cinisello Balsamo (Milan) Hospital, has returned to the house of the Father our brother priest

FR. MARINO ALFREDO ENRICO CLERICO

72 years: 60 of Pauline life, 51 of religious profession and 45 of priesthood.

His death was caused by a second and more serious heart attack which took place on 19 September during the community Mass, following a first similar incident that occurred two years ago, which led him suddenly in a state of deep coma and today, finally, to death.

Born in Somano (Cuneo, Italy) on 6 January 1943, Fr. Marino entered the Congregation in the community of Alba on 11 September 1955. He remained there for seven years, immediately showing his reserved, meticulous and tenacious but also available character, also manifesting a living faith but without frills. It is at the Mother House in Alba where he learned and begun to experience the love for the Pauline apostolate, a dimension that he would exercise with dedication throughout his life.

He made his novitiate in Ostia Lido (Rome) from 1962 to 1964 and had his first profession in Rome on 20 August 1964. Then followed the years of theological studies in which he also manifested his firm commitment to direct his talents for the mission. On 8 September 1968 he made his perpetual profession of religious vows and a little less than two years later, on 17 May 1970, Pope Paul VI consecrated him priest at St. Peter's Basilica. The succeeding years saw Fr. Marino engaged in the formation of the young in the middle school. Those were seven years (1970-1977) partly done in Rome and later in Cinisello Balsamo, characterized by some difficulties but also by his ability to totally devote himself to the young, communicating his passion for the job by nature. He would then leave Lombardy and return to Rome, this time with the task of being editor in the "Pauline Editions" (1977-1985), serving also for two years as Delegate of the Provincial Superior for the community of Rome Province (1983-1985). In the spring of 1985 he returned again to Cinisello Balsamo, where he would be engaged still in the redaction of books, particularly following the series on spirituality and liturgy (the latest edition of the *Daily Missal* was his), with attention also to the Holy Scriptures (he edited the *Emmaus Bible*).

Fr. Marino also stood out for his ministry in the various parishes of Cinisello Balsamo by the attention that he has shown to some quarters that needed help the most, proving capable of creating true friendships and lasting relationships. At this depth, we must draw from this brother of ours in order to recognize a gift from God. His way of being simple, sometimes bashful, but also ready to irony and even more his passionate and really tireless love for the apostolate testify to us that he has discovered, in the school of Jesus Master, the meaning of life and the joy of being a Pauline, giving himself totally to the Gospel. We can not forget his passion for football and especially for cycling, the sport that has brought him "up", to climb the most beautiful Dolomite passes as well as the Alps, real and proper sporting achievements that indicate to us an image of a well-rounded man.

The Lord we say our "thank you" for giving us Fr. Marino. We entrust him now to the Divine Master, so that he can also rejoice in the heavenly liturgy with our dear Blessed James Alberione and the many Paulines who are now in heaven. We accompany our brother with suffrages so that he can enjoy the eternal joy that God gives to his children.

These are the words that he left us, hand written in the Daily Missal that he was carrying with himself: «"Where would you bring me Jesus?" He seemed to have whispered to me in that dizzying enterprise: "In the house of the Father", I heard him responding. A moment later I saw that it was true. Since then I live there, perfectly happy» (I. A. Chiusano).

Rome, 26 September 2015

Fr. Domenico Soliman

The funeral will be held on Monday, 28 September at 11:00 in the Parish Church of St. Martin at Cinisello Balsamo after which the remains will be brought to Alba where he will be buried in the City cemetery.

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