

SOCIETÀ SAN PAOLO
Il Segretario generale



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

(Fr. Alberione)

Yesterday at 14:30 (local time), 15 April 2016, at the *Clinica Fuensanta* of Madrid, our brother Disciple of the Divine Master has returned to the House of the Father

BROTHER SIMÓN RUIZ RUIZ

73 years, 60 of Pauline life, 54 of religious profession

Brother Simon Ruiz, son of Victoriano and Felicitas, was the youngest of four children born to a peasant family, very devoted to work and deeply Christian. He was born in Palacios de Riopisuerga (Burgos, Spain) on 2 September 1942 and, just turned 13 years old on 5 October 1955, entered the Congregation in Zalla (Vizcaya), where he attended high school and began his Pauline life. A few years later, from 1959 to 1961, he completed his novitiate in Coslada (Madrid), where on 8 September 1961 he made his first profession and confirmed it perpetually on 8 September 1966.

During the first years Brother Simón practised his apostolate as a typographer, in Coslada (Madrid) and in Zalla (Vizcaya). After his perpetual profession, for nearly 50 years, he has dedicated himself body and soul working in the book centres, real Pauline pulpits, showing always with a gentle and caring treatment of customers, friends and suppliers, who still remember him with affection and tenderness. The book centres of Bilbao (from 1966 to 1990) and Madrid (from 1990 to 2015) are witnesses of Brother Simón's tireless work and dedication and love for this apostolate. When obedience called, he was also in the book centres of Vigo (Pontevedra) and Oviedo for a few months.

A fan of the *Atletico Bilbao* football club and during his youthful years, Brother Simón engaged himself assiduously in sports, like mountaineering, football, cycling..., especially on weekends. A man of few words and of reserved character, he never complained about anything. The confreres, in the Pauline communities where he stayed – Zalla (Vizcaya), Coslada (Madrid), Las Rozas (Madrid), Vigo (Pontevedra), Oviedo, Resina and Vizconde de los Asilos – can testify to his example of simple, fraternal and supportive lifestyle, always very generous and ready to help others, including members of the Pauline Family, relatives and friends – even in the smallest details, without ever expecting anything in return.

On 25 May 2015 he was transferred to the community of Vizconde (Madrid) for the treatment of the early symptoms of poor blood circulation in his left leg and other small ailments. Since then, and until he has completed his earthly life, he was accompanied with care and attention by community members and health care workers, even during some moments of hospitalization. An abdominal septic shock,

manifested in recent days, has gradually weakened his health until yesterday, when he received the last call to enjoy his eternal reward.

We now entrust to the mercy of the Risen Christ our brother Simón, who has exercised his long and fruitful Pauline apostolate with dedication and loyalty, so that, exultant for eternity in the heavenly liturgy, intercede for the needs of the Congregation, especially for those of the Disciples of the Divine Master and of Spain Province.

Rome, 16 April 2016

Fr Stefano Stimamiglio

The funeral will be held on Saturday, 16 April, at 17:00 (local time) at the “Tanatorio de la M-30 Chapel”. His mortal remains will then be buried at the Municipal Cemetery of Las Rozas (Madrid).

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