

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 20:45 (local time), 5 July 2016, our brother Disciple of the Divine Master has returned to the House of the Father

BROTHER MASSIMO LUIGI BENEDETTO COMARIN

86 years, 73 of Pauline life, 67 of religious profession.

His death was caused by an acute multiple bronchopneumonia which started about ten days ago. The intervention at the *Di Venere* Hospital of Bari was not enough to help him recover.

Brother Massimo was born on 4 January 1930 at Ramon di Loria, a small rural village in the Province of Treviso (near Venice), and was baptized at the same day. As a boy, he began his vocational journey at the seminary of Treviso, then later in 1942, at our community of Alba, at the height of World War II. Always at the Mother House, in 1947, he began his novitiate and a year later, on September 8, made his first religious profession. In Rome in 1954, he became a Pauline religious in perpetuity.

Since then, except for the first two years of living in the community of Rome and assigned in the “display” department, his life was spent for over 40 years in Bari. It was the foundational period of the community, where the press apostolate was taking shape. The poverty of resources, however, did not affect the enthusiasm and initiative of the Paulines present there, along with the first young candidates.

Brother Massimo devoted himself to the warehouse, to teaching and, for several years, at the linotype. In the '50s, still young, he had to face a form of nervous exhaustion, a disorder that would affect him for a bit of time, from which, however, he found a new equilibrium, engaged continuously in the many and valuable community services, always with much availability. In the community itself, he was particularly close, helping it in difficult times in different ways. He could seem gruff and lanky but, in fact, he was curious and jovial, good at making jokes, with a smiling vision of the world, always ready to minimize any possible conflict. He was well-liked for his friendly way to interact with the brothers, “integrating” philosophical discourse with scientific arguments.

How many trips every day he made, perhaps to go to the post office of Mungivacca, not far from the community, or to our St Pauls Bookstore! In his last journey on foot he bought the book *Called to Beauty* (by Fr. Amedeo Cencini), proved to be a deliberate choice, the last stop, the last call. He loved nature, but even more to help the brothers in small apostolic errands; it was hard for him to say “no”. His life was consumed in love in our Pugliese community, testifying in a simple and concrete ways the quality of life of Jesus the Master; in fact in all his life he was His faithful Disciple.

To Brother Massimo we give our thanks, for despite having to face many difficulties, he never ceased to love, to work for the good, to be a true Pauline apostle, following the example of Brother Andrea Borello.

Rome, 6 July 2016

Fr. Domenico Soliman

The funeral will be held on Thursday, 7 July, at 11:00 (local time) at the Church of the Monument Cemetery of Bari. His mortal remains will then be buried in the Archconfraternity of Purgatory Chapel in the same cemetery.

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