

In the Father's 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 10:15 PM (local time) on Monday, 4 July 2022, our confrere passed away in Buenos Aires (Argentina)

FATHER SANTIAGO TIMOTEO BONOMINI
83 years, 72 of Pauline life, 64 of profession,
58 of priesthood

Fr Santiago was born in Buenos Aires (Argentina) on 16 July 1938, the second of three children (a brother and a sister), from parents Pietro and Di Lascio Nicolasa. He entered the Florida community on 24 January 1950. He began his novitiate on 25 February 1957 in Cordoba, and made his first religious profession on 26 February of the following year, assuming the name of Timothy. He later moved to Rome for theological studies, made his perpetual profession on 8 September 1963 and received the priestly order on 30 June 1964.

Fr Santiago returned to Argentina in 1965, starting his apostolic ministry as a collaborator in diffusion and advertising. Later, he helped in formation, as a teacher and as a master of aspirants, and in the apostolate, as a typographer and bookshop personnel. In 1974, he moved to San Paolo Film and the Audiovisual Pauline Center. In 1993, he was Director of *Vida Pastoral* and Delegate of the Holy Family Institute, a commitment that will continue for several years, and which will be followed by that of Delegate of the Jesus Priest Institute and then again that of Coordinator of the Delegates of the Pauline Institutes of Consecrated Secular Life. He established the Provincial Historical Archive and was Delegate of the Community of Buenos Aires for a year.

From a peasant family, Fr Santiago was a strong man of temperament, demanding with himself and with others. He worked with true passion for the Pauline Institutes of Secular Consecrated Life. For many years, he has given a valuable pastoral service to the diocese as a missionary. His commitment to the Archives, the fruit of many years of work, is a very rich source for knowledge of the history of the Society of Saint Paul and of the Pauline Institutes in Argentina.

At that time, Fr Silvio Sassi, on the occasion of the 75th birthday of our confrere, expressed his «Sincere thanks for the precious service rendered in many ways to the Congregation, to the apostolate and to the entire Pauline Family with an abundant and generous ministry of animation. The Lord will not fail to reward you with the promised hundredfold». And in 2006, Fr Santiago wrote to Fr Sassi: «I am happy with my Pauline vocation. In my 56 years in Saint Paul I have never repented... my belonging to the Pauline

Family makes me preach everywhere that we were born “genetically” as a family... I look at our future with serenity».

Fr Santiago lived his entire life in the school of the Eucharist, learning the lifestyle of Jesus: «In the Eucharist, Jesus continues to humble himself. Here he hid himself under the appearances of bread ... Is it possible to lower himself more?» He can truly say: «Learn from me for I am meek and humble», as we read in the Pauline Agenda on the day of his death.

May the Lord welcome this brother of ours and fill him with all his gifts, while we ask him to intercede with the Lord for numerous and holy vocations throughout the Pauline Family.

Rome, 6 July 2022

Fr Vito Spagnolo, ssp

The funeral, presided over by Bishop Oscar Ojea, president of the CEA, will be celebrated at 10 AM on 6 July in the chapel of our Florida community. The celebration will be followed by cremation. His ashes will be kept in the Olivos Cemetery, near our house.

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