

# *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 4:00 PM (local time) of Thursday, 11 May 2023, he passed away in Kozhikode (India) caused by a grave cardiac infarction

## **FATHER OUSEPH FELIX VADAKKEDATH**

***68 years, 50 of Pauline life, 46 of profession, 36 of priesthood***

Fr Felix was born in Mattakkara (Kerala) on 10 May 1955, the third of five children (three brothers and two sisters), from parents Vadakkedath Mathai and Rosamma. He entered the Bombay community on 2 July 1972. He began his novitiate on 29 June 1975, made his First Religious Profession on 30 June 1976, his Perpetual Profession on 30 June 1985. He was ordained a priest on 2 May 1987.

During his juniorate Fr Felix showed his total commitment and dedication to religious life and the Pauline mission. Due to his interest and aptitude in the field of formation, soon after his ordination he was appointed Master of Postulants in Mumbai. During this period, he also collaborated in the apostolic Department. In 1990, he was transferred to the community of Pune where he was appointed Director of the Bookstore until 1993, when he was transferred to the community of Kozhikode (Calicut). In Kozhikode he was appointed Delegate of the community and Director of the Bookstore, a dual role which he carried out with the utmost care and diligence. In 1996, he was called to assume the responsibility of Superior of the Community of Bangalore. After proving his leadership and administrative skills as Superior, in 1999 he was transferred to the Community of Vijayawada with the position of Master of the Juniors.

In the year 2000, Fr Felix moved to Rome to attend the year of the Course on the Charism. Upon returning from Rome, he was entrusted with the important task of working for the Community Biblical Project, which he carried out with dedication and commitment. In 2003, he moved to the Community of Jorhat and was later designated Community Delegate. In 2006, he was appointed Superior of the Community of New Delhi and in 2009, at the end of his mandate, he was transferred to the Community of Kozhikode to take care of the Bookstore. In 2012, he was transferred to the Community of Jorhat where he collaborated for six years in the administration of the house and in the apostolate of the Mobile Bookstore. In 2018, he returned to Kozhikode and was appointed Delegate of the Community and responsible of the Bookstore. He carried out this dual responsibility until 2022, when he was in charge of the construction of the new residential and commercial building. He continued to oversee the building project until his dying breath.

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Fr Felix was a committed religious and a skilled administrator. As a Pauline religious and priest, he manifested worthy administrative and leadership qualities, leaving the imprint of his personal style. Though he suffered from high blood pressure, blood sugar, and other health problems for many years, he carried out his responsibilities with love and faithfulness.

Fr Felix had a warm and friendly personality that endeared him to many and will be missed by many with whom he came in contact. His selfless dedication and his apostolic spirit in the Pauline mission are a source of inspiration for all the members of the Province.

May the Lord welcome this brother priest of ours with joy and we ask him to intercede for numerous and holy Pauline vocations, which are formed according to the heart of Jesus.

Rome, 13 May 2023

Fr Vito Spagnolo, ssp

*The funeral will be celebrated on Monday, 15 May, at 10:00 AM (local time), in the parish to which Fr Felix belongs: Holy Family Church, Mattakkara, Kottayam, Kerala.*

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