

In the Father's House ca-

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



At 11:25 AM (local time) on Thursday, 12 October 2023, he died at the San Raffaele Pisana Hospital in Rome due to heart and respiratory problems

BROTHER VALENTINO VINCENZO STRAZZARI **86 years, 69 of Pauline life, 64 of profession**

Valentino was born in Pianezze S. Lorenzo (Vicenza) on 30 January 1937, the third of seven children, 4 brothers and 3 sisters, to parents Giobatta and Toaldo Caterina. He entered the community of Vicenza on 13 September 1954, began his Novitiate on 7 September 1957, made his First Religious Profession on 8 September 1959, taking the name Vincenzo. He was definitively consecrated with Perpetual Profession on 8 September 1964.

Brother Valentino has been involved in the typographical apostolate at the linotype since 1959 – of which he will become an expert – first in Alba and then in Rome. From 1966 to 1985, he was in Alba engaged in photocomposition and from 1985 to 1989, he was also in Rome engaged in the CEP warehouse, in invoicing. He then spent a few years in Modena and subsequently returned to Rome to provide his service in the DISP Depot. In 2016, he was transferred to the infirmary, where he remained until the heavenly call.

Brother Valentino – recalls a confrere who knew him since his novitiate days – was sociable, precise in prayer but also in study and in the apostolate. For several years, he was employed at the linotype and no one found fault with his apostolic commitment, both in Rome and in Alba. In the community he made himself well-liked and often brought to the attention of those in charge the needs that some of his confreres had.

Fr Saverio Boano, upon admission to his First Profession, wrote thus: “Happy character, does everything well, conscientious and with a spirit of sacrifice and responsibility. Serious and progressive spiritual work. He loves his vocation and the apostolate very much.” Brother Valentino was a good Disciple of the Divine Master, he lived his Pauline vocation with simplicity, following the teaching of Don Alberione: “The Disciples of the Divine Master have a vocation that recalls the vocation of Saint Joseph, guardian, teacher, foster father, wholesome respect to Jesus. Called to a perfect life with a particular vocation, they are consecrated to God with the profession of the vows of obedience, chastity, poverty.”

The psalm of today's Eucharistic Liturgy compares the lives of the righteous and the wicked, remembering that while the latter go to ruin, the Lord watches over the righteous, declaring them “blessed” and bearing abundant fruit.

May the Lord welcome this dear brother, who has spent his entire life serving him and making him known through the apostolate and give him the peace and joy of the just in his Kingdom.

Let us turn to Mary, through whom – as the thought of today’s Pauline Agenda reminds us – we hope for vocations and to the intercession of Brother Valentino we entrust those of the Pauline Disciples.

Rome, 12 October 2023

Fr Vito Spagnolo, ssp

The funeral will be celebrated on Saturday, 14 October at 9:30 AM in the Sub crypt of the Basilica Regina degli Apostoli. The body will be buried in the Pianezze cemetery (Vicenza).

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