

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 21.15 (local time) on Wednesday, July 24, 2019, died in the community Timoteo Giaccardo of Rome, due to a cerebral haemorrhage, our brother disciple

BROTHER UGO BRUNO CIOCCOLETTA **92 years of age, 70 of Pauline life, 68 of profession**

The discovery of Pauline life is due to his frequent visits to one of our bookstores in Rome. It is here that he knew our mission and the beauty of being a Disciple of the Divine Master, a journey that has in Don Giacomo Alberione that 'father' who really helped him to decide for St. Paul and to overcome the inevitable difficulties of a vocation embraced by age of 21, that is when he had been serving as an Italian state policeman for some years. This work led him to be an honest, coherent and determined person, generous, able to say what he thought above all about the apostolate, a reflective and duty-loving brother, generally silent, all qualities that the masters themselves highlighted during training time. Certainly, a Pauline who loved the Congregation and its apostolate.

He was born in Celleno (Viterbo), a small town not far from Lake Bolsena, on June 18, 1927, from his father Egidio and mother Rosa Machioni; almost a month later he was baptized in the parish church of San Paolo.

On 16 January 1949, he entered the Congregation in Rome where on 18 March 1950 he began his novitiate, which he concluded with the first religious profession on 19 March 1951, taking the name Bruno. On 8 September 1956 he made his perpetual profession as a disciple of the Divine Master.

His life as a Pauline was lived entirely in Rome while changing communities and apostolates. From 1956 to 1980 he was in charge of the Linotype department, a job he performed to perfection and with a certain rigor, always with generosity. Since 1978, for two years, he was also Councillor of the Province of Italy. He was subsequently elected General Councillor (1980-1986), his service to the Congregation continued in the General House (1986-2007) as economo of the Community.

When the Generalate changed its headquarters, ie leaving Via della Fanella to reach Via A. Severo, Brother Bruno entered the San Paolo Community of the Italian Province, mainly engaged in the administrative management of the Via Porta Medaglia agricultural estate. From September 2017 he was a member of the Rome Community Timothy Giaccardo, where he died yesterday, due to a fall a few days earlier that caused a cerebral haemorrhage.

We can say, taking up the Gospel of yesterday's Eucharistic celebration, that even for this our brother, «the Sower went out to sow...». Times and manners are those of God, but in the life of Brother Cioccoletta the fruits have not been lacking, and everything has taken on the Pauline colour. In this Vocational Year of the Pauline Family, the testimony of this our brother allows us to consider how the Divine Master does not get tired of manifesting himself as life in its fullness...

Even today he goes out to meet young people who in the different vocations follow him with joy, ready to «Serving the Church, men of the new century and working with others» (AD, 20).

Let us entrust Brother Bruno to God's mercy, to his love. The Lord will multiply the good done and grant him eternal joy.

Rome, 25 July 2019

Fr. Domenico Soliman, ssp

The funeral will take place on Friday 26 July at 9.30 am at the Sottocripta of the Sanctuary of the Queen of the Apostles in Rome. The body will be buried in the Laurentino cemetery in Rome.

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