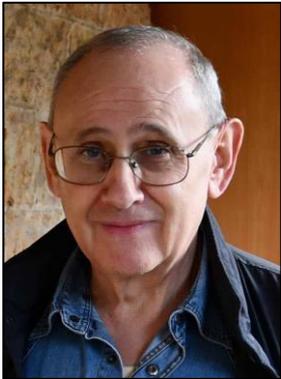


In the Father's House

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



At 8:40 PM (local time) on Tuesday 20 February 2024, he died in the Rome infirmary due to a neoplasm

BROTHER VALENTINO VAGLIETTI **73 years, 62 of Pauline life, 54 of profession**

Brother Valentino was born in Verdello (Bergamo) on 9 September 1950, the first of three children, two brothers and a sister, to parents Giuseppe and Romana Daminelli. He entered the community of Cinisello Balsamo on 8 September 1961, began his Novitiate on 20 August 1967, made his First Religious Profession on 8 September 1969, taking the name Maurizio, and was definitively consecrated with Perpetual Profession on 8 September 1976.

After his Perpetual Profession, Valentino was inserted into the community of Florence, in the Sampaolo Film agency, and it was – in the words of the then Superior who welcomed him into this apostolate – “a true blessing” for the love he had for this work, for the precision and patience with which he carried it out and also for his silent work, “without making a fuss,” as well as for his beautiful presence in the community where he managed to be friends with everyone.

In 1990 he joined SPICS (Studio Paolino Internazionale della Comunicazione Sociale) where he is involved in general services, experiential workshops and the publication of the contents of the magazines of the Italian Province on the internet. In 2011 he was elected Provincial Councilor and Secretary. Since 2015 he has dedicated himself to the digitalization of the Archive of the Provincial Curia and in the same year he moved to Milan to operate in the digital and multimedia area. In 2019 he was recalled to Rome as Provincial Secretary, a service that he will also continue when he is elected Provincial Councilor in 2021. In recent times the illness made him experience a long ordeal that brought him into the arms of the Father.

“Valentino – says a brother – was a true friend, reserved and attentive. Committed at religious and apostolic level. He was not a man of many words, he was almost afraid of disturbing, but he knew how to be welcoming and good company. Over the years, I have shared with him worries, dreams, desires linked to the Pauline mission. In the years spent at SPICS he was totally dedicated, trying to share his knowledge with the students and stimulating their creativity.”

Valentino loved the vocation of the Pauline Disciple very much, he was silent but very active: in his time he took care of the passage of the audio recordings of the Founder from the “jealous” tapes to digital, as well as taking care of the photographic part of the Founder. He always participated in the periodic meetings that some Disciples of the Divine Master regularly orga-

nized. His reservedness was neither shyness nor reluctance, but discretion: he was a company and even a pleasant one.

Another confrere confides: “I have always been edified by his seriousness and composure, great industriousness and accuracy in everything, generous and sincere love for the Apostolate, to carry out which he did not neglect, certainly with effort but also with joy, to continuously update himself. Living with him in the community I was able to see how the great quality of his commitment had a clear source: the care of his interior life. From the relationship with the Divine Master he drew abundant wealth of graces which also determined that meekness and kindness of his trait which distinguished him as a truly exemplary religious. Reserved, sober and balanced in his gestures and behaviour, he was not immune to an always intelligent irony that he showed from time to time with a friendly smile. We will miss him greatly.”

Brother Valentino leaves us a beautiful example of a Disciple of the Divine Master as the Founder intended: humble, silent (also due to his innate shyness), very faithful to his apostolic commitments. All well founded on a solid spiritual life, which he nourished with abundant prayer: very faithful to the practices of piety and prayer in general. Even during the long period spent in the infirmary, when he could sometimes go down to the courtyard he was invariably seen with the rosary in his hand. Certainly for these reasons he enjoyed the trust not only of his confreres, but also of his superiors, who called him several times to positions of trust and responsibility.

May the Lord welcome this brother of ours into the joy and peace of his kingdom, as we ask him to intercede for numerous and holy vocations of Brother Disciples in our Congregation.

Rome, 21 February 2024

Father Vito Spagnolo, ssp

The funeral will be celebrated on Thursday 22 February at 9.30 AM in the Sub-crypt of the Basilica Regina degli Apostoli. At his request, his body will be cremated, and his remains will rest in the Verdello cemetery (Bergamo).

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