



"As we have been united in the profession of faith, so let us remain united in suffrage and intercession."

(Fr. Alberione)

Yesterday, 30 August 2007, at 22:30 (local time), in the Queen of Apostles Hospital of Albano Laziale (Rome), has returned to the Father our brother Disciple of the Divine Master

BR. FRANCESCO TIMOTEO CHESSA

61 years old, 49 years as a Pauline, 43 years of religious profession

Francesco, born in Sedilo (Oristano-Italy) on 31 October 1945, entered the Congregation in Rome on 4 October 1958. After two years of novitiate in Ostia, he made his first profession on 20 August 1964 in Rome and perpetual profession five years later.

Soon after first profession, he was asked to carry out his apostolate in Alba in the typography of *Famiglia Cristiana* and three years later in the technical publication of *il Giornalino* in Rome. From 1969 to 1972 in Bari, other than typography, he had accompanied, as assistant, the formation of young Paulines. He was then transferred to Cinesello, Balsamo, where he directed the Production of *Edizioni San Paolo* until 1998; in this role, between Torin and Cinesello, he managed the realisation of the published volumes for the Society of St Paul and the Daughters of St Paul; for 10 years had followed also the book production of the Daughters in English-speaking Africa. Studies of specialisation in industrial graphics in Milan, done in the first years of 1970, helped him to acquire a method that allowed him to manage a massive and impressive job structure.

Yet his human qualities and trust that were enjoyed on the part of the confreres of the Province, had been made into a YES when he was called contemporaneously to the role of Provincial Councillor, an assignment which lasted 8 years, from 1990-1998, until the time he was elected General Councillor of the VII General Chapter. To think that Br. Francesco would do only one thing at a time, would be to think that Fr. Alberione would have only one idea in mind in an era of major activity. While passing in the various Circumscriptions for Canonical Visits, facing the inevitable fatigue created by differences in climate, of language, of the development of charism in that context, he continued to advance forward the complex initiatives like the production of the resources of the General Government, of the manifold materials done in record time for the Beatification of the Founder, of the analysis of the accounts of the Circumscriptions, of attention to the on-line institutional activities, of the research and sensitization to the Pauline Vocation in its dual identity priest-disciple, of scrupulous attention with regards to the image of the Congregation and the use of the logo and finally, the restructure of the General House in Via Alessandro Severo.

His concentration on fulfilling that which is assigned to him was seen not only when he was healthy, but also in these last week of August, when grave illness invaded his body; in the hospital, he argued often regarding the correct use of the logo, a subject which had a particular place in his heart. Such was his way of serving the Congregation, such was his style of witnessing his love for the Pauline vocation and his profound faith in God who had asked him to stop the train on a journey for another type of donation. In this difficult passage, he was prepared with constant fidelity to the dimension of prayer, which his frantic activity never hindered.

As we express our condolences to the brothers, sisters, nephews and nieces and relatives who have all been near Br. Francesco, we want to thank all those who have helped him live these last months of suffering. Accompanying him now with our prayers of suffrage, we entrust through his intercession the concerns of the General Government, of the Congregation and of all our religious Family.

Rome, 31 August 2007

Br. Lorenzo Vezzani

The funeral will be held on Saturday, 1 September, at 10:30 am in the Crypt of the Sanctuary of Queen of Apostles. The body will then be brought to Albano Laziale for burial in the chapel of the Pauline Family in the local cemetery.

The Superiors of Circumscriptions inform their communities of suffrages prescribed (Cost. 65 e 65.1)