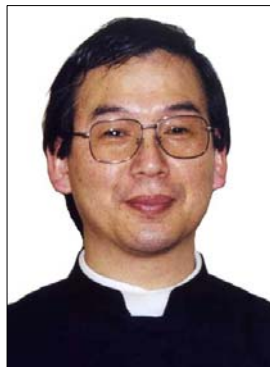


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“As we have been united in the profession of faith, so let us keep ourselves united in suffrage and intercession.”

(Fr. Alberione)

At 14.32 today (local time), Tuesday 16 September 2008, at the hospital Ichyo in Tokyo, due to a tumor in the stomach, our confrere, Disciple of the Divine Master, has returned to the Father.

BRO. SUSUMU GIUSEPPE GIUSTO UCHINO
59 years, 46 of Pauline life, 38 of religious profession

His condition suddenly became serious at the start of September notwithstanding that a few weeks before a medical visit had excluded the presence of metastasis; the visit had been programmed because twelve months had passed since the removal of a good part of his stomach.

Susumu Uchino had entered the house at Fukuoka (Japan) at the age of twelve, in April 1962, coming from the city of Hirado (Nagasaki), where he was born on 11 September 1949. After finishing secondary school, in 1965 he was transferred to Tokyo-Akasaka to attend the lyceum. The following two years of novitiate he concluded with his first profession on 19 March 1970. On that occasion he took the name Giusto. In 1971 he was transferred to the new house at Hachioji where, at the end of the juniorate, on 19 March 1976, he consecrated himself for good to the Lord. From his entrance in the Congregation until 1990, he has always exercised his apostolic commitment in the sector of the printing machines. But his preparation and flexibility have made it such that with the passing of years, he assumed more demanding responsibilities: Formator of the Novices, In-charge of editorial and finally Superior of the community of Hachioji, from 1991 to 1994, with dispensation of the Holy See.

From 1993 to 1997 he worked in redaction and diffusion, traveling everyday from the community of Hachioji to that of Wakaba in Tokyo. From 1997 to 2005 he held the most demanding role, that of Director General of the Apostolate, above all if we consider the context of a nation of 140 million inhabitants, difficult to penetrate, where Catholics number a little more than four hundred thousand after more than 400 years. In the Provincial Chapter of 2003 he was elected Provincial Councilor; to the work of government he has always included apostolic commitment that in these last years has focused on diffusion and on the Bookstore in Tokyo.

Bro. Uchino enjoyed great esteem on the part of his confreres due to his seriousness and competence in the apostolate, his perseverance in all the roles he has covered and for the strong sense of justice that animated him, as testified even by his choice of name of profession. This great bereavement that affects both his natural and religious family, is softened only by the certainty of the eternal reward that the Lord, just judge, bestows with abundance.

We offer our most heartfelt condolences to the three brothers and two sisters of Bro. Susumu and in particular to his sister Sr. Giovanna, Provincial Superior of the Pious Disciples of Japan. To his intercession we entrust the needs of the Pauline apostolate in Japan and in the whole continent of Asia.

Rome, 16 September 2008

Bro. Lorenzo Vezzani

His funeral will be held in the house of Tokyo-Wakaba, on Friday 19 September 2008, at 11:30. After cremation, his ashes will remain for some weeks in the Chapel of the Community before being laid in the cemetery of Fuchu in Tokyo.

Let the Superiors of Circumscription inform their Communities regarding the prescribed suffrages (Const. 65 and 65.1)