



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

(Fr. Alberione)

Monday, 20 April 2009, at 8:30 p.m. (local time), following a respiratory crisis, concluding his earthly existence is our brother, Disciple of the Divine Master

Bro. TARCITIUS TIMOTHY TIRKEY
79 years, 59 of Pauline life, 54 of profession

He has been the first to enter the Society of Saint Paul in India, on 10 October 1949, in the house of Allahabad, at the end of basic formation. Tarcitius, the third son of John Berchmans and of Cecilia Tigga, was born in San-wa, Kurdeg (Jharkhand, India) on 8 June 1929. At the end of the year of novitiate, which he lived with eleven other young men, he made his first religious profession on 20 October 1954, assuming the name of Timothy, and always at Allahabad, exactly five years after, he consecrated himself definitively to the Lord as a Pauline disciple.

Bro. Timothy exercised his apostolate in the printing press of Allahabad right from the start of his formation; he spent the major part of his Pauline life in this first house of Saint Paul in India and here he gave the best of himself above all in the press apostolate, that saw him committed practically from 1949 to 2002, when he was transferred to the community of Mumbai for reasons of health. Upon reaching the nerve center of Saint Paul in India, in a short time he recovered his energies and thus was able to insert himself in the offset department of the printing press of Mumbai.

Bro. Timothy was affectionately called *bede bhai* (most elderly brother) by his confreres and he was loved by all for his simplicity and generosity. His character allowed him to find himself at ease whether in the midst of the more adult or in the company of the candidates of the first year of aspirantship. He was a model for the brothers of India and all are in agreement in testifying to his great love for our apostolate. He was truly the *Bede Bhai* that preceded all in the chapel and in the apostolate.

As a sports person he was excellent in the game of hockey in the field and in football. After his arrival in Mumbai, he joined the youth in the game of volley, and this until December 2008. After a period of vacation spent this year in his birthplace, Bro. Timothy complained of health problems. The doctors diagnosed multiple complications. He has been called to enjoy his eternal repose yesterday evening, as he was being brought to the hospital.

The members of the Society of Saint Paul of India are very grateful to Bro. Timothy for the example he leaves and for his pleasing presence in the community. May he now enjoy the company of the members of the Pauline Family in heaven! We entrust to his intercession the effort that the Congregation and the Province of India-Nigeria are making during this Pauline Year to open new ways for the spread of the Gospel under the inspiration of the Apostle of the gentiles.

Rome, 21 April 2009

Bro. Lorenzo Vezzani

His funeral will take place on Wednesday, 22 April 2009, at 9 a.m., in the Chapel of the Community of Mumbai. – His remains will be interred in the chapel of the Pauline Family in the cemetery of Sewri, Mumbai.

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