

SOCIETÀ SAN PAOLO  
il segretario generale



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

(Fr. Alberione)

At 12,30 (local time) of Friday, 18 February 2011, in the hospital “Regina Apostolorum” of Albano, our brother priest has returned to the house of the Father.

**FR. GIOVANNI BATTISTA CARLO DI CESARE**

*89 years, 78 of Pauline life, 64 of priesthood*

Fr. Carlo was born on 3 July 1921 in Montorio al Vomano (Teramo) and had entered the Congregation in the distant 1932, on 6 August, in Rome, in the Pauline community just recently opened and expanding at a dizzying rate. For his novitiate he had gone to Sanfré in 1937, ending it when he made his first profession on 8 September 1938. He spends the following years again in Rome, where he receives the presbyteral ordination on 14 July 1946.

He will not have to wait long for demanding tasks: in the same year 1946 we find him in Nogent-sur-Marne, in France, as “surveillant” of the young men and head of the paperback binding sector, until 1951, when he returns to Italy. Here he is committed in the international bookstore of St. Pius X in Rome (1951-1952); in succession, he is formator of the aspirants and teacher, first in Catania (1952-1957) and then at Cinisello Balsamo (1957-1958), before reprising the route to faraway countries. In 1958, in fact, he is sent to Canada where he remains until 1962, first in Montréal and then in Sherbrooke, committed this time in the printing press besides in the teaching and spiritual assistance of the Daughters of Saint Paul and the Pious Disciples. The year 1962 marks his definitive return to Italy, first at Cinisello Balsamo (1962-1968) where he is committed in teaching the boys and in the printing press, another time with the young boys in Vicenza (1968-1970) and finally at Francavilla a Mare (1970-1974), always in school and in the printing press. At Francavilla he is also superior in the period 1973-1974. In 1974 he is with Sampaolofilm in Genoa, and then in Bari (1975-1980), tasked with the correction of proofs and accounting.

Starting 1980, due to his precarious health that will gradually become worse due to a degenerative myopathy in his pelvic girdle that attacks the lower arteries, in addition to eye problems, he is transferred to “Don Alberione” house in Albano, where gives service in the porter’s desk until his strength allows him. They are years that cost him suffering, given the lucidity and ability that he continues to have, while his precarious health does not allow him to go elsewhere. But his sense of humor, his irony and his deep-down serenity do not abandon him, notwithstanding the sense of “uselessness” and the desire to be committed in a more active manner elsewhere. Till the very end, Fr. Carlo has kept an exceptional memory and a desire to communicate, unfortunately impeded in the last times due to his inability to speak because of the advance of his sickness.

We entrust to the Divine Master this our dear brother visited soon by suffering but who now finds himself where he is able to “know perfectly” the Lord as he has been known by Him (1Cor 13,12), in the communion of the wonderful Pauline Family in heaven, asking his intercession for the Congregation and its needs here on earth.

*Rome, 18 February 2011*

*Fr. Vincenzo Vitale*

*His funeral will take place on Saturday, 19 February 2011, at 3,30 p.m., in the hospital “Regina Apostolorum” in Albano. His remains will then proceed to his town of birth, Montorio al Vomano, where a mass will be celebrated on Sunday 20 at 10 a.m. in the parish of Saint Rocco, before burial in the local cemetery.*

**The Superiors of Circumscription are to inform their communitites for the prescribed suffrages  
(Const. 65 and 65.1)**