

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 7,20 a.m. (local time) of Sunday 27 March 2011, in the house of Rome, our brother Disciple of the Divine Master has returned to the Father.

BR. GIOVANNI GIUSEPPE NOVARINO
77 years, 60 of Pauline life, 57 of religious profession

Brother Giovanni was born on 16 November 1933, in the Piedmont, in Cantarana (Asti). He had crossed the threshold of the Congregation on 30 August 1950, in the House of Alba, where he spends his first years of formation. After the year of novitiate spent in Rome and at the end of which he made his first religious profession on 19 March 1954, feast of Saint Joseph and patron of the disciples, he returned to Alba. Here we find him committed in the technical apostolate, in the flatbed machines (1954-1956). In 1956 he returns to Rome, where he lends his service in the Vatican Telephone Center (1956-1959), then to transfer to the printing press (1959-1960). In the meantime he makes his perpetual profession on 8 September 1960.

After this period, except a brief parenthesis in the bookstore at Genoa (1984-1986), brother Giovanni will pass many years in the community of Vicenza (1960-1984 and 1986-1999), with various tasks: with the flatbed machines, (1960-1978), in the bindery (1978-1984), in the bookstore (1986-1999). In 1999 he is transferred to Rome, where he still lends his service in the printing press of the Roman area until its closure (1999-2001), to pass to service in the porter's telephone desk for some time. Even when he already did not have the possibility to carry out an organized apostolate, brother Giovanni has continued tirelessly a capillary work of diffusion out of his own initiative: as he made the rounds of offices and professional studios in the neighborhoods, he left copies of *Famiglia cristiana* of the preceding weeks. Thus he still felt himself a participant of the zeal for the diffusion of our works.

Brother Giovanni was of a “sensitive nature and accentuated introspectiveness that is easily colored by pessimism,” as had already been noted years back by one of his formators. He has always carried this “heavy baggage that with the passing of the years has become stored in his spirit” (description by Fr. Franco Testi in his report about brother Giovanni in 1960), that in the last years had evolved into a grave form of depression that has made him to suffer much.

After “having carried always and everywhere in his body the death of Jesus” (2Cor 4,10), brother Giovanni has “finished his course” (2Tim 4,7): we entrust him to the mercy and love of the Divine Master so that he may receive “the reward that God calls us to receive on high, in Christ Jesus” (Phil 3,14). Let us accompany this dear brother of ours with our prayers of suffrage, so that his affliction may be turned into joy (Jn 16,20).

Rome, 28 March 2011

Fr. Vincenzo Vitale

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(Const. 65 and 65.1)**