

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 6:30 this morning (local time), in the infirmary of the Motherhouse (Alba), our brother Disciple of the Divine Master has returned to the Father.

BR. UMBERTO GIACINTO OGGERO

88 years, 69 of Pauline life, 66 of religious profession

Brother Umberto came from the region of Piedmont that has given so many vocations in the first periods of the Congregation. He was born in Cuneo on 7 June 1922 and entered the Congregation at the height of the war, on 2 August 1941, in Alba. In 1943 he leaves for Rome to make his novitiate, and on 2 May 1944 he makes his first profession. In 1945 we find him again in Alba.

With his transfer to Biella in 1945, the long years spent for service in the bookstore apostolate start for brother Umberto: in fact, we find him working in Turin (1946-1952), where he also makes his perpetual profession on 1 May 1949, in Milan (1952-1956), in Genoa (1956-1960), in Bari (1960-1964), and in Florence (1964-1976).

From 1976 to 1979 brother Umberto is in Ospedaletti, occupied with various services for the house. During these years he undergoes an operation which will give him problems on the legs. Because of this, since 1979, brother Umberto is transferred to Alba, in the Motherhouse where for many years he will work as a porter. It is a service that he does with total dedication, guaranteeing a presence that he often covers even on Sunday. It is here, in the service of receiving, that he can still put to fruition his amiable character, his good humor and a fraternal and welcoming disposition until his strength allows him. He passes with serenity his last years in the infirmary of the Motherhouse. Here people met him on his wheelchair, always cordial and affable, eager to converse. Joking he said – pointing to the Crucifix in his room – that the Lord did not want him and that he wanted Him to come and take him. He passed away in his room, surrounded by his relatives, soon after receiving the visit of the bishop of Alba, Mons. Giacomo Lanzetti.

Brother Umberto has loved his vocation as a disciple, living it with joy and dedication. We now entrust this dear brother to the Lord, who awaits in the heavenly banquet his faithful servants; from him we ask that he intercede for us before the Lord, so that He may still send good laborers to his harvest and that other young men may discover and correspond to the Pauline vocation, especially that of the disciples.

Rome, 24 January 2011

Fr. Vincenzo Vitale

His funeral will take place on Tuesday 25 January 2011, at 2:30 p.m., in the Temple of Saint Paul in Alba. Then his body will proceed to the local cemetery for burial.

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