



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

(Fr. Alberione)

Yesterday evening, 31 October at 8 p.m. (local time), at Trigatoria (Rome), our brother Disciple of the Divine Master has returned to the Father.

**BRO. VITTORIO TARCISIO DE LIGIO**

*72 years, 45 of Pauline life, 42 of religious profession*

Bro. Vittorio passed away at Trigatoria, in the biomedical Campus where he had been admitted for pulmonary complications that have appeared, following a tumor that had already struck him for some years.

He was born on 1 October 1940 in Salerno, in the hamlet of Pastena, and has entered the Congregation in Rome on 9 November 1966, after having already lent a triennial service in the Italian Navy. After his novitiate done in Albano (1969-1970), he made here his first profession on 8 September 1970. Upon completion of his formation in Rome, he has made his perpetual profession on 7 September 1975.

In the San Paolo Community of Rome, from 1974 to 1984 Bro. Vittorio has carried out his apostolate at the rotogravure and as in charge of the thermal plant. From 1984 to 1988 we find him in the community of Milan, committed in the Sampaolofilm agency of via Soperga, then to be transferred to the community of Vicenza (1988-2000) as director of the books warehouse (then the CEP depository). After a parenthesis of some months at Alba, he is transferred to the community of Cinisello Balsamo (2000-2008), where he lends his service in the warehouse of the DISP. Finally, he spends the last period in the community of Primo Maestro in Rome, where he is transferred in 2008 and does his apostolate in the Roman bookstore of San Giovanni.

A shy person and of not many words, but capable of good humor, of loving jokes and of discreet fraternal relations, brother Vittorio has loved his vocation as a disciple, living it with spiritual sensibility and with dedication without reserve to the Pauline apostolate, confirming the judgment expressed by his formators: “assiduous at work even beyond what is requested and he does it with passion”; “diligent, generous, edifying application. He esteems much the Pauline ideal.” If he does not abound much in his words, certainly his dedication and his deep joy of being a Pauline have been an eloquent testimony for all. Even the tumor that had struck him for some years, and for which some painful cycles of chemotherapy had become necessary, had not basically obscured his serenity and trust in God; and in spite of the progressive fatigue, he has carried out his apostolate up to the last moments.

We now entrust this our dear brother to the kind face of the Divine Master, who awaits his faithful servants, so that he “may be always with Him” (cf 1Thes 4,17) in the company of all the saints, who today we celebrate, and together with the Pauline Family that is already in heaven, in the joy of seeing God “as He is,” purified by hope (cf 1Jn 3,2-3).

*Rome, 1 November 2012*

*Fr. Vincenzo Vitale*

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