



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

(Fr. Alberione)

At 1:00 a.m. yesterday (local time), 14 July 2012, at the Holy Family Hospital, Mumbai (India), the Divine Master has called to his eternal reward our brother Priest

FR. MATHEW ROBERT KANIYAMPARAMBIL

72 years, 53 of Pauline life, 48 of religious profession, 42 of priesthood

Fr Robert was born at Mallikasery, as second child of late Joseph and Alykuttu Kaniyamparambil, near Pala (Kerala, South India) on June 17, 1940. He has two brothers and three sisters one of whom is a religious. He joined the Society of St Paul in the community of Allahabad in June 1959. He did his Novitiate in the same Community, and made his First Religious Profession on July 16, 1963. Having completed his studies in Philosophy in Allahabad, Robert proceeded to Rome along with his companions to pursue his Theological studies there. He made his Final Profession in Rome on 8 September 1968 and was ordained a priest there on May 17, 1970 by Holy Father Pope Paul VI.

After the ordination he returned to India and joined the community of Allahabad, in the same year. In 1979, Fr Robert was transferred to Bangalore as the Master of aspirants in the community. After a year (1980), he was transferred to the community of Kochi to assist at the Book Centre. He served the community for 12 years after which he was sent to Calicut where again he rendered his services at the Book Centre for about three years.

In 1995, Fr Robert was transferred from Calicut to Mumbai where he served at the editorial sector as a proof reader. In 1999, he was sent to Bangalore as the master of aspirants and postulants where he carried out the ministry of teaching, as well. From Bangalore, after a year, Fr Robert was sent to the community of Kochi where he worked for three years at the Book Centre.

During this period his health failed him and he was brought to Mumbai for medical assistance and rest, where he remained till his death.

During his stay in Mumbai Fr Robert had to be taken to hospital a number of times. Once, about two years ago, his health deteriorated very badly and he was on the point of death. But, he survived this, though he was under constant medical observation and treatment, ever since.

A few weeks ago, the doctors found that both his kidneys had failed and he had to start dialysis on a regular basis. On Wednesday, 11 July, he was admitted in the Holy Family Hospital, Mumbai, and was undergoing treatment there. Suddenly in the afternoon of 14 July, he suffered a cardiac arrest which resulted in his death at 01:00 pm in the hospital.

Though Fr Robert had to suffer a lot for many years he took it all in good spirit and with strong will power to live. He kept up his usual cheerfulness all along

And now, while we ask the Father to give him his vision “face to face” (1Cor 13,12) reserved for his faithful servants, we recommend to his intercession the needs of the Congregation and of the Pauline Family, and above all the needs of the Province India - Nigeria.

Rome, 15 July 2012

Don Vincenzo Vitale

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

His funeral services will be held at 09:00 am on July 17 at the Mumbai community chapel, and his mortal remains will be laid to rest at the Sewri Cemetery, along with other fellow Paulines.