



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

(Fr. Alberione)

At 4:00 a.m. this morning (local time), in the infirmary of the community of Vizconde de los Asilos in Madrid our brother Priest has returned to the Father.

**FR. JULIO BAYÓN GONZÁLEZ**

***76 years, 63 of Pauline life, 55 of religious profession, 49 of priesthood***

Fr. Julio, the last of five brothers of a deeply Christian family, was born in Veneros (León, Spain) on 20 July 1937. In that land marked by hard work in the mines for the extraction of coal, his personality began to be forged in the family, parish and school ambience which have left deep memories for his whole life. He entered the Congregation in the community of Zalla (Vizcaya) on 1 October 1949. He finished his novitiate in Coslada (Madrid), where he made his first profession on 8 September 1958. In 1960 he began his studies in theology in the Pauline International College in Rome, where he made his perpetual profession on 8 September 1962 and was ordained a priest on 30 June 1964. In 1965 he obtained his license in pastoral theology.

Upon his return to Spain, he goes to Zalla, that at that time counted a good number of aspirants and temporary and perpetual professed. For more than a decade (1966-1977) his principal task, taken up by him with true passion, has been that of professor and prefect of studies, a commitment that accords with his personal commitment to prepare himself adequately for his mission, in attending courses in French and receiving the license in Philosophy and Letters at the University of the Jesuits of Deusto-Bilbao.

In 1977 he leaves the green lands of Zalla, in the Basque region, for the drier and sunnier ones of Madrid, with generous availability for other aspects of the Pauline mission: the discs sector (1977-1985), the sector of publicity (1985-1994), superior of the community of Protasio Gómez (1988-1994), delegate for vocation pastoral (1994-2000) and delegate of the Institute Jesus Priest. His dedication to the mission, wherever obedience asked him to be, has always been passionate, creative, enthusiastic and generous.

Of exquisite sensibility as to human relations, in love with his vocation and with all that concerned the Pauline Family, Fr. Julio enjoyed good health until the middle of the Nineties. After having had some problems in the prostate and slight symptoms of depression, he began to feel the first symptoms of hydrocephalus, a sickness of the cranium that degenerates into atrophy of the movements of the lower arteries, loss of balance, vertigo and dizziness. The symptoms began to worsen inexorably, notwithstanding recourse to the best doctors and not having spared any effort to change the situation. From January of 2012 until today he was in the infirmary of the community of Vizconde de los Asilos (Madrid), where he was assisted with loving care by the members of the community and by the health personnel.

We now entrust this our confrere to the Divine Master, so that he may have joy in the heavenly liturgy together with the numerous array of the Pauline Family in heaven. We entrust to him, in the year of the Centenary, intercession for the needs of the Congregation and the needs of the Province of Spain, in particular the young men to whom he felt himself very close, as we accompany him with our fraternal suffrage so that he may enjoy eternal rest in God.

*Rome, 28 September 2013*

*Fr. Vincenzo Vitale*

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