



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

(Fr. Alberione)

At 10:45 (local time) this morning, Tuesday, July 23rd, 2013, our confrere returned to the Father

FR. ANTHONY TIMOTHY CHENEVEY
84 years, 60 of Pauline life, 58 of religious profession, 55 of priesthood

Father Anthony was born and raised in the farming region of Fredericksburg, Ohio, one of three brothers and three sisters, on July 31st, 1928.

Soon after World War II ended, he found himself part of the American Military Occupation Force stationed in Japan in the 1950's. One day while walking through a Tokyo neighborhood, he came upon a local missionary group known as the Society of St. Paul. He had never heard of them. Their chapel however, handy to his army base, led to his befriending the community. It was this chance familiarity with a struggling Pauline apostolic reality in the far-off, war-torn orient that would become the inspirational seed for his religious vocation.

Returning home and eventually to civilian life, he searched out the American Pauline foundations, and in November 1952 entered the Society's Staten Island, NY Community. Following his novitiate year in the Canfield Community, his First Profession of Vows took place on September 1st, 1954. Having previously completed advance studies at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, he was promptly sent to the Pauline International Seminary in Rome.

Here his perpetual profession took place on September 8th and, on July 6th, 1958, in the presence of the Founder, he and fourteen Pauline companions were ordained to the priesthood.

Returning to the States, he was assigned to the faculty of Queen of Apostles Seminary in Derby, New York. Here he also helped to develop St. Paul Publication booklets.

Father Anthony served successively as Vocation Director of the Province, Master of Novices, and Superior of the Pauline Community in Dearborn (1970). From 1989 to 1990 he lived out a sabbatical year in the General House in Rome, attending the faculty of Angelicum for personal updating. Completing the sabbatical year, he was transferred to Staten Island as Chief Editor of the thriving Alba House Book Publishing sector (1990-1999), after having served as the Superior of the Staten Island Community for two terms (1982-1988).

A person naturally gentle, reserved though always approachable, joined to a characteristic lifestyle of rural simplicity, he was generous to a fault when it came to priestly availability; day or night, convenient or inconvenient. He prayed, loved and lived the whole of our charism.

Not long ago, after a lifetime of well-being and activity, Father Anthony's energy levels began a notable slow down. Within a relatively brief period of time, he suffered a steadily increasing mobile incapacity. His acceptance and adjustment to expanded helplessness was remarkable, even as it led to inevitable nursing care confinement over the last four years. The nursing staff looked on him as their rarest patient: never a lament or complaint, always quietly forbearing and amenable.

We now entrust him to the Divine Master, the conqueror of death, “who will transform our lowly body to conform it to his glorious body” (Phil 3:20), so that he may enjoy heavenly citizenship together with the numerous array of the Pauline Family already in heaven. And in bidding him goodbye and assuring him of our suffrages, we ask him to intercede for the many needs of the Congregation, in particular for those of the Province of the United States.

Rome, 23 July 2013

Fr. Vincenzo Vitale

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(Const. 65 and 65.1)**