



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

(Fr. Alberione)

At 8 p.m. today (local time), 18 May, in the community of Mumbai, our brother Disciple of the Divine Master has returned to the Father.

BRO. MATHEW KADIKATTU

58 years, 39 of Pauline life, 35 of religious profession

Br Mathew was born to Chacko John and Aleykutty Mathew on 3 March 1955 at Paingottoor in Kerala, India. He has two brothers and one sister who is a nun. After completing his Pre-degree course in his home town, he joined Society of St Paul in Mumbai on 16 July 1973 where he made his Aspirancy and Postulancy. He made his Novitiate in Bangalore where he also made his first profession on 30 June 1977. Br Mathew spent his Juniorate in the communities of Allahabad and Bangalore. He made his Perpetual Profession in Bangalore on 30 June 1983.

Then on, till 1989 he served the community of Bangalore as press manager, linotype operator and house provider. In 1989 he was transferred to the community of Mumbai where he offered his services in the Examiner Book Centre. In 1993 he was transferred to Allahabad where he served as the manager of St Paul Book Centre till his transfer to Chennai in 1995. While in Allahabad he had a serious accident while riding on a motorcycle and till the end he suffered from its consequences. All these years he had been taking treatment but some damage to the head was not adequately healed. In Chennai he served in the Good Pastor International Book Centre. In 2000 he was transferred to the community of Kochi where he was part of the book centre team. In 2001 he was transferred to Mumbai a second time, and there he served in various capacities as provider, assistant to the press manager, proof reader, assistant to the technical director etc., until he fell seriously ill last month.

Br Mathew spent most of his professed life serving in one or other of our book centres or printing presses. He was always a quiet person, silent, but jovial by nature, and fully committed to the apostolate. He was endowed with a rare intelligence and keen sense of judgment of right and wrong which he fully utilized for the apostolate. The old injury he had suffered apparently led him to TB Meningitis which finally brought his quiet, but eventful, life to a peaceful end.

Rome, 19 May 2013

Fr. Vincenzo Vitale

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

The funeral services will be held on Wednesday, 22 May, at 8.30 in the morning, and the mortal remains will be interred in the community cemetery at Sewri, Mumbai.