



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

(Fr. Alberione)

At 2:00 a.m. today (local time), at the University College Hospital of Ibadan (Nigeria), our junior brother has returned to the Father.

CI. CHINEME DOUGLAS MADUKA
27 years, 8 of Pauline life, 11 months of religious profession

Chineme Douglas was born in Lagos (Nigeria), the last son of Nathaniel and Grace, on 21 May 1986. He has two brothers and three sisters. He entered the Congregation on 22 April 2005, in the community of Ibadan, after having finished high school. After some months of initial formation, he studied philosophy at the Saints Peter and Paul Major Seminary in Ibadan. At the end of his philosophy studies in 2009, he was sent to Enugu for an apostolic experience of one year, at the end of which he reprised his studies attending theology classes at the Saint Peter and Paul Major Seminary in Ibadan. Upon finishing the first year of theology, he was admitted to the novitiate which he began on 7 September 2011 in the community of Lagos and concluded with the first religious profession on 22 September 2012. He was among the first four members who have made their first profession in Nigeria.

Douglas found himself, together with his junior companions, doing the course of spiritual exercises at Ibadan, when he got a slight cough and influenza yesterday evening. His condition became worse during the night, when he collapsed and was rushed to the hospital. Shortly after he passed away at night. The cause of his death is not yet known.

Douglas was a young committed Pauline, with strong organizative and leadership qualities. He accepted and carried out his responsibilities with honesty and creativity. His solicitous and amiable character allowed him to make many friends who he influenced in a positive way. He was a promising Pauline, with many good qualities. The Paulines of Nigeria will feel his absence not only because of his encouraging presence but also because of the good he could have done for the people of Nigeria as a Pauline.

We now entrust this our confrere to the Divine Master so that he may rejoice in the heavenly liturgy together with the numerous array of the Pauline Family in heaven and enjoy with them «a limitless and eternal amount of glory» (2Cor 4,17) in the light of God. During this third year of preparation for the Centenary we ask for his intercession for the needs of the Congregation and in particular for the Province of India-Nigeria, as we accompany him with our fraternal suffrage so that he may enjoy eternal repose in God.

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Fr. Vincenzo Vitale

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