

SOCIETY OF ST PAUL
Secretary General



“As we have been united in the profession of faith, so shall we remain united in suffrage and intercession”.

(Fr Alberione)

Yesterday at 22:12 (local time), in the hospital "Regina Apostolorum" of Albano Laziale (Rome), has returned to the Father our brother

FR GIACOMO ILARIO CORRÀ

90 years, 72 of pauline life, 69 of religious profession, 62 of priesthood

Fr Giacomo was born at Crosara of Marostica (Vicenza, Italy) on 17 December 1923. He entered the Congregation at the time of intense war on 13 March 1942 at Nogent-sur-Marne (France) because the family had by then established itself permanently in France. He received the initial formation at Alba, where, at the end of novitiate (1943-1944), on 8 September 1944, he made the first profession. He then continued his formation in Rome, where, on 8 September 1948 he made his perpetual profession, and on 8 July 1951, was ordained priest by Msgr. Luigi Traglia.

From that time onwards, life of Fr. Giacomo will be marked by the mission abroad for about thirty years. From 1951 to 1954, he offered his service as teacher of history, geography and French at Nogent. After a brief period in Rome (1954-1957) when he was busy in the department of foreign books in the book centre Pio X, together with Fr. Raffaele Tonni and Fr. Giuliano Zoppi, he left for the foundation in Congo in 1957: arrived in Kinshasa (1957-1959), and then to pioneer the house of Lubumbashi (1959-1960). It was a short experience which he would remember always with nostalgia for the great enthusiasm, but it had certain adverse consequence on his health.

He then left for France, to the community of Arpajon where he offered his service in the press (1960-1963), and then went to Canada, in Sherbrooke (1963-1968), where he rendered his service as teacher, which required of him great sacrifice and challenge, but accepted and carried it out with true spirit of obedience and love for the Congregation. In 1964, confiding his suffering in changing the country, he wrote to Fr. Luigi Zanoni: «Only now I have started to adapt myself, in fact, I am experiencing the peace which I have not experienced before. I see that obedience works true miracles making sweet the bitterness and hardness of sacrifice». Then returning to Arpajon (1968-1980), he involved himself in the formation of youngsters, as editor, proof reader, and in the press. Here too, given to his sensitive nature, he did not lack sufferings and misunderstanding, especially in the formation of youngsters.

Due to the already precarious nature of his health and the suffering caused by periods of depression, he returned to Italy in “Casa Don Alberione” of Albano Laziale in 1980. He remained here until his death which took place in the hospital “Regina Apostolorum” where he was admitted following a pneumonia resistant to medicines.

Let us entrust our brother to the mercy of the Divine Master so that making him similar to himself in death and burial, he may associate him in the glory of resurrection and make him live in the eternal beatitude together with the numerous array of the Pauline Family in

heaven. In the centenary year, let us ask his intercession for the necessities of the Congregation and especially for the circumscriptions of French language, while we accompany him with our fraternal suffrage so that he may enjoy eternal rest 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).