



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

(Fr. Alberione)

At 7:15 p.m. Thursday, 26 February, in the community of Timoteo Giaccardo in Rome, our brother priest has returned to the house of the Father.

**FR. ATTILIO CECILIO MONGE**  
*86 years, 72 of Pauline life, 68 of profession and 60 of priesthood*

Fr. Attilio was born on 11 April 1928 at Monasterolo di Savigliano (Cuneo). He has entered the Congregation on 8 September 1942, in the Motherhouse in Alba, accepted by Fr. Timothy Giaccardo who will bless his investiture and first profession on 23 June 1946.

In July of 1950 he is in Rome for theological studies which he will complete at the Lateran University and he will have the opportunity to see Fr. Alberione for more than twenty years, both in the school and in the apostolate, engaging in a dialog that has never been interrupted. On 8 September 1951 he makes his perpetual profession. He will be ordained in Rome, in the sanctuary of the Queen of Apostles on 5 December 1954 on the occasion of the consecration of the Temple.

In 1954, still a deacon, Fr. Alberione entrusts to him the directorship of *Il Giornalino* where he will return in the 60's. In 1956 he is redactor and then director of *Orizzonti* where for years he writes for a much followed column of actuality: “La bocca della verità” (The mouth of truth). In those years alongside journalistic activity he also teaches in school. From 1959 to 1961 he will teach in the secondary school in Alba, publishing also some books for boys among which two are distinguished for their success: *La più grande storia mai raccontata* (The greatest story ever told) and *I dodici in cammino* (The twelve in their journey), published with more than 20 editions and translated in many languages including Chinese.

Fr. Monge was proud of having written for all the Pauline periodicals: he starts in 1945, with *La Domenica*, in which he publishes every week for more than 5 years; then in *Madre di Dio* of which he will become director (1958-1963). From 1959 to 1961 he will comment on the Gospel in *Famiglia Cristiana* and will collaborate with the magazine *Vita Pastorale*, in charge here in the last years of a much read column. He has been the first Pauline enrolled in the Register of professional journalists in 1965 and subsequently nominated assistant in the professorship of General Techniques of Journalism at the Università Internazionale degli Studi Sociali (Pro Deo). He has always jealously kept a handwritten letter of Fr. Alberione of 1960, who urged him to write: «*Each time Orizzonti comes out, I look if there is something written by you which is always liked by everybody. The Lord has given you this gift and I bless him so much every time someone feels that he is a Pauline: a religious writer*».

In 1965, by decision of the Primo Maestro he is sent to Sampaolofilm to collaborate in film production with Fr. Cordero who he will succeed in 1969 as general director until 1983. After the Bible series and the new catechetical documentaries, the Sampaolofilm will realize the cinematic and television production of *Pinocchio*. He will be the director of

many documentaries of the Pauline life where Fr. Alberione himself appears. He will be able to collect the last audiovisual testimonies of the Founder among which is his goodbye with the priestly prayer and the visit of Paul VI at his bedside.

It can be said that Fr. Attilio Monge has carried out all the Pauline apostolates, from magazines to books, to cinema, to television where he will land in 1983, called by the General Secretary of the CEI, Mons. Caporello as vice director of the National Office for Social Communications with the task of directing the televised Masses. He will carry out this work for 25 years, transmitting on Rai Uno from churches throughout Italy and winning the favor both of bishops and the faithful for his directorial competence and pastoral sensitivity expressed in his commentaries. He will receive from Pope John Paul II the nomination as consultor of the Pontifical Commission for Social Communications. He will have the joy of acting as director during the beatification of Fr. Timothy Giaccardo and crowning his Pauline apostolate with the transmission in worldvision of the beatification of Fr. James Alberione on 27 April 2003. He will realize subsequently for this event the precious documentary translated in several languages with the title *Giacomo, fa' luce* (James, put forth light).

We now entrust this our confrere who «has fought the good fight» (2Tim 4,7), to the mercy of the Divine Master, so that he may let him live in eternal blessedness, together with the numerous array of the Pauline Family in heaven. We ask for his intercession for the needs of the Congregation, as we accompany him with our fraternal suffrage so that he may enjoy eternal rest in God.

*Rome, 27 February 2015*

*Fr. Vincenzo Vitale*

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