

SOCIETY OF SAINT PAUL
The Secretary General



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

(Fr. Alberione)

At 14:40 (local time) of 12 October 2016, at the “Ernakulam Lisie Hospital” (India), our brother Disciple of the Divine Master has reached eternal life

BR. VARKEY JUSTIN PUTHENKANDATIL
66 years, 46 of Pauline life, 42 of religious profession

Brother Puthenkandatil was born in Thottakara, Muvattupuzha, in Kerala (India), on 29 November 1949 of a peasant family to Xavier and Mary Chacko with 8 children (4 boys and 4 girls). He made his entrance into the Congregation on 21 June 1970, at 20 years, welcomed by the community of Bombay (now Mumbai). He lived his novitiate in Bangalore and here, on 30 June 1974, made his first religious profession, taking the name of Justin. After completing his religious studies, he made his perpetual profession six years later, on 15 August 1980. During the years of Juniorate he has carried out various services, including that of being head of composing section at the press of Allahabad. His formators remembered him as serene and meek in character, as well as being generous, sociable, humorous and, as a guarantee of his Pauline vocation, steeped in the spirit of poverty.

After perpetual profession Brother Justin has always served the Lord in the local book centres: first in Allahabad (1980-1981), then in New Delhi (1981-1985), Kochi (1985-1990) and again Allahabad (1990-1993). In 1993 he moved to Bombay, where for a year carried out his mission in the Better Yourself Books department. From 1994 to 2004 he was again assigned in Kochi book centre and was also provider of the community. In 2004 he was sent for three years to Chennai to work in the local book centre. In 2007, finally, we find him for the third time in Kochi, where he spent the last few years, serving the Lord until this last time in the religious articles section of the local book centre.

The brothers of India remember Brother Justin as a person with a generous heart and with a true religious spirit, naturally inclined to be kind and with a good sense of humour. An unassuming person before his superiors and towards his confreres, he was a man of prayer, always exemplary in serving the Divine Master in the apostolate, always available to all duties, including those entrusted to him in the community, doing them with dedication and generosity. He continued in this attitude even when the sickness has begun to severely test his strength and his spirit.

Brother Justin has begun showing the first symptoms of blood cancer in 2012. He underwent several medical treatments, first at the “TATA Cancer Research Centre” in Mumbai, then in various medical centres of Kochi. He spent the last days, finally, at the “Lisie Hospital” of Kochi, where death came in the early afternoon of Wednesday, 12 October.

In commending his soul to the Lord, we entrust through the intercession of this our brother Disciple, the future course of India-Nigeria-Britain-Ireland Province.

Rome, 13 October 2016

Fr. Stefano Stimamiglio

The funeral will take place on Friday, 14 October, at 10:30 (local time) at the St. Jude Church of Kochi (Kerala, India). His mortal remains will be interred in the cemetery beside the said Church.

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