

In the Father's House

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



At 19.30, local time, of 11 October, in the Community of Alba – *Divina Provvidenza*, our brother Disciple, because of respiratory complications, has returned to the house of the Father

BROTHER CARLO ALESSIO MOMBELLI **90 years, 72 of Pauline life, 69 of profession**

Reserved by nature, Brother Carlo was more dedicated to expressing himself with actions and concreteness of life rather than with words. His existence began on 26 July 1927 in Ghedi (Italy), a countryside in the Brescia plain and, at that time, mostly agricultural. Here was born also his Pauline vocation. On 28 August 1945, he entered Alba during its difficult times, also because of the circumstances of the World War. Three years later, in Rome, he pronounced his first religious profession on the day of St. Joseph's solemnity (19 March 1948). Simple and significant are the words that his parents Giacomo and Elisabetta wrote to Father Alberione about the step their son had chosen to take: «*Most Reverend Father, we are informed that our son Carlino will do the Holy Profession. We not only give our full approval but express our gratitude to the Lord for calling one of our children to his service*». Always in the same feast of St. Joseph, but in 1953, he consecrated himself forever in Rome. In the years preceding the perpetual profession, Brother Carlo was engaged in engraving, in binding and in the warehouse. He was also in Modena (Italy) in the year 1950-1951, working in the propaganda apostolate.

He then began to "travel", that is, to live his mission in various cities. From 1953 to 1957 he was in Catania (Italy), engaged in binding, warehousing and engraving, a community that would find him again years later (1966 to 1976) with the same apostolate. In 1957, Brother Carlo left for Ballykeeran (Ireland) with the task still of engaging in engraving, binding and warehousing. He would remain there until 1965, eight intense missionary years, after which Father Luigi Zanoni, then Delegate of the Superior General, wrote to him: «*You went to Ireland at a time when this house needed everything. With the good work, united with that of other brothers, you have managed to bring the house into a good development and activity*». It was the letter that anticipated the need for him to return to Italy. This is why we find our confrere in Alba for a year (1965-1966), working in the mailing department of *Famiglia Cristiana* and the other Pauline periodicals, before departing again for Catania.

After ten years in Sicily, Brother Mombelli returned to Alba, where he took his first steps in Pauline life. He continued to be an apostle in the binding department, but with advancing age and health problems he must leave his commitments and in 2012 he was transferred to the community of Alba – *Divina Provvidenza*.

Of this, our brother Disciple we will remember above all the goodness accomplished in the apostolate and his simplicity of life, in the service of the mission as needed, always inclined to give a hand, even a few days ago as sacristan.

A solitary man, but his long moments in church to pray show us a brother Carlo able to dialogue with the Master in order to entrust his life, to find nourishment and meaning.

Let us accompany this faithful Disciple with suffrage and entrust him to the Divine Master, this month dedicated to Him, so that he could receive the heavenly Mercy and rejoice with our Blessed James Alberione and the many Pauline brothers and sisters in heaven.

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Father Domenico Soliman, ssp

The funeral will be held on Friday, 13 October at 10 AM, at the St. Paul Church in Alba. The remains will be buried in the city cemetery.

The circumscription Superiors should inform their communities about the prescribed suffrages (Cost. 65 and 65.1).