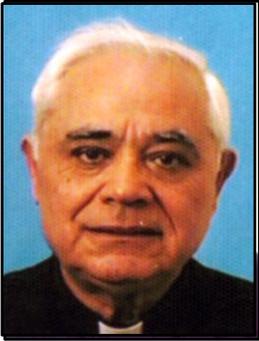


## In the Father's House

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



At 15.15 hrs. on Tuesday, 12 December 2017, in the community "Timoteo Giaccardo" Roma, left for the eternal reward our priest confrere

### **FR CARMINE GIOVANNI BRUNO**

***Aged 82 years, 54 years of Pauline life, 50 years of profession  
and 46 years of priesthood***

Carmine was born to Assunta and Francesco at S. Maria Capua Vetere, in the province of Caserta (Italy), on 13 January 1935. The first among four children, the others being Brigida, Tonino e Filomena, Carmine lived his early years in a very serene family atmosphere characterized by a simple and authentic faith, deep human relationship and by a dignified poverty which would become for him on entering religious life the norm of his professed life which he lived with great coherence till the end. His father, a blacksmith, and his mother, a mattress maker, hard labour that made him responsible at a very young age as to assume various responsibilities in the house and that helped him to show from a very tender age those attitudes of a spiritual paternity and human sensitivity about which today many in the Pauline Family, besides his close relatives, can testify.

A turning point in the life of young Carmine was in November 1953 when after completing his high school at the age of 18, he enrolled himself as a wireless operator in the Air Force. This was also to financially sustain the family. He was sent to different places including Caserta, which was near to his native place and to Bressanone, in the province of Bolzano. Here, specially he lived for many months in a small barrack on mount Plose, a mountain more than 2000 meter high where he along with his colleagues installed a series of aerial radar. Because of the biting cold suffered for long and snowy winters, he began to suffer from a kind of acute rheumatism which accompanied him for the rest of his life.

Endowed with a remarkable religious sensitivity, which was never manifested during the 10 years of his military service, on the advice and support of the parish priest of his village, he decided to interrupt his military carrier and to give himself to God by entering into the Society of St Paul. It is on 15 November 1963 that he entered into the community of Albano Laziale (Roma), the house for the formation of adult vocations. The decision was preceded by a short pilgrimage to Lourdes with his Mother during which he entrusted his life to the Immaculate Virgin.

The first stage of his formation took place in Albano where he received his religious habit and made his Novitiate which was concluded on 8 September 1967 with the First Profession. In his request for admission he confides to Primo Maestro that he was ready to make such a radical decision only because he felt to be sustained by a deep faith in Christ. In those first years he was engaged in the account department. On being transferred to Rome for his theological studies, he completed his bachelor's degree and in 1975 he did his licentiate in Sacred Theology from the

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Pontifical University of St Bonaventure. In those years we also find him working in the offset, in the editorial as a proof reader and in the end as a collaborator with the leaflet *La Domenica*. After making his final profession on 8 September 1970, he was ordained a priest by Msgr. Dino Tralozini in Rome on 29 June 1971.

The first responsibility that he took up was at Albano, where he was the Master of Adult vocations (1971-1974) and promoter of vocations (1974-1975). After a period of time during which he assisted in the animation of the Institute Jesus the Priest (1975-1976) and in the account department of the book centres in Rome (1976-1977), in October 1977 he was appointed Superior and Bursar of the community of Modena. At the end of that mandate, he returned to Albano to take up the Bursar's office (1980-1983). In the years that followed he found himself in the vocation house in Rome (1984-1994), where he was also the Master of Aspirants, Teacher of philosophy at the San Palo Secondary School and for two terms the local superior. In this period (1987) he also graduated in Philosophy from the Lateran Pontifical University with a thesis titled "The Ethical perspectives of Levinas". In 1994, a time of great suffering for the Italian Province and for the whole Congregation, he was the provincial Vicar for four years. At the end of this period he was transferred from Rome to the community of Bari where he was the local Superior for two terms (1999-2005), the Bursar, the Master of Aspirants and Teacher of Philosophy at the Theological Faculty of Saint Fara, besides he continued the animation of the Pauline Family with many activities and spiritual direction which was always characterized by his apostolic zeal. During his life time he has published many books, also relevant to Pauline spirituality. Lately since two months he was transferred to the infirmary in Rome on account of excessive weight loss caused by a type of illness very similar to Parkinson, which was making it very difficult for him to swallow and which slowly brought him to meet with his heavenly Father.

The missionary anxiety of Fr Carmine could be very well read in the Gospel passage for the second Tuesday of Advent, the day on which his soul was taken to God: "If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them strays, will he not leave the ninety-nine on the hillside and go to look for the stray one?" (Mt 18:12). Now that he has entered into eternal life, he will intercede for the necessity and the urgent needs of the Congregation, of whose charism and mission he loved faithfully till the end.

Rome, 13 December 2017



Fr Stefano Stimamiglio, ssp  
Secretary General

*The funeral service of Fr Carmine will take place on Thursday 14 December 2017 at 10.30 am in the Under Crypt of the Sanctuary of Mary, Queen of Apostles, Rome. After the funeral rites his mortal remains will be laid to rest in the cemetery at Laurentino (Rom).*

The Circumscription superiors may kindly inform their communities for the prescribed suffrages for the diseased (Cost. 65 – 65.1).