

# 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)



On Thursday, the 8<sup>th</sup> of February 2018, at 11:30 AM at the community of “Divina Provvidenza” in Alba where he stayed for a year, our brother disciple has returned to the Father due to severe pneumonia.

## **BROTHER FORTUNATO FERDINANDO SCAPIN** **85 years of age, 70 of Pauline life, 66 of profession**

He spent his life between the two cities of Rome and Alba where he offered himself for the benefits of the Pauline apostolate. Leaving his town of Galliera Veneta (Province of Padua), he arrived in Alba on 7 September 1947. Brother Scapin, however, was born in the small neighboring town of Cittadella on 22 December 1932, in the midst of the fascist period. On the 28<sup>th</sup> day of the same month, he was baptized in the Parish Church of St. Mary Magdalene near Galliera Veneta (Diocese of Treviso), receiving the name Fortunato. It is a place that during those years truly offered many young people to the Pauline Family.

In 1950, he arrived in Rome for the Novitiate, after which he pronounced the religious vows as a disciple of the Divine Master, taking the name Ferdinando, on 19 March 1951. He remained in this community for several years, during which he made his perpetual profession on 8 December 1956 and was assigned in the apostolate as *foto-incisore*. In his younger years “Nando”, as he was amicably called, was able to show his kindness and his jovial character made him popular among the brothers. During those years, he also developed a passion for reading, sensibly aware that this will guide him throughout the course of his life.

In 1983, he was transferred to the Community of Alba-Periodicals assuming various assignments, first as Assistant Director of Planning and Production (1983-1994) and as Deputy Director of the *Periodici San Paolo* Warehouse and as a Production Assistant (1994-2012). Along with his love for the Pauline Apostolate being done carefully, he also had a good rapport with other people.

He was a disciple who is serene, cheerful, ready to dialogue, and able to build human relationships. In fact, he knew lots of people as regards with the Apostolate. He knew how to be a friend-companion, a brother for life...

His faith was simple and essential. He loved to pray and was often found with a Rosary in his hand. Let us now entrust our brother to the Lord, and while we pray that he may be filled with the Father's mercy, we also commend to him the apostolic needs of the Congregation, for the mission we want to live with passion and with faith. Welcoming him in heaven are the many Paulines who, together with our Blessed James Alberione and Blessed Timothy Giaccardo, now enjoy the peace that comes from God.

Rome, 9 February 2018

Don Domenico Soliman, ssp

*The funeral will be held on Saturday, 10 February at 10:00 AM at the Tempio di San Paolo in Alba. His remains will be buried at the City Cemetery.*

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