

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 around 9:15 AM (local time) of Tuesday 10 July 2018, our brother Disciple died in Montreal (Canada),



BROTHER BRUNO BARBIERO
65 years, 54 of Pauline life, 46 of profession

He was going to Mass in the parish not far from the Community, when accidentally he was hit by a truck: the impact was so violent that he died instantly. He arrived in Montreal in October 2013, the last stage of a life really spent on the mission.

Bruno was born in Padua on 11 February 1953 but after a few years later, his family moved to Creola di Saccolongo (Province of Padua), a small town near the Hills of Euganei, famous for a large regional park, in which the Benedictine Abbey of Praglia is also located.

From a very young age, on 1 September 1962, he began his vocational journey in the pre-vocation set-up of *Centrale di Zugliano* (Province of Vicenza), an entirely unique experience desired by Father Alberione and conducted by the Pious Disciples of the Divine Master of this community, but lasted only a few years.

He entered the Pauline community of Modena as an aspirant in 1963 and remained there for middle- and high-school, until 1971. Here he studied at the *Istituto Tecnico Professionale per le Arti Grafiche*, achieving the qualification of typist-composer, a specialization that will serve him later for his apostolate, often called to direct the printing press.

On 8 September 1971, he began the novitiate in Albano Laziale (Rome) and the following year made his first religious profession as Disciple of the Divine Master. Transferring to Rome, he attended some courses at the *Istituto Mater Ecclesia* at the Pontifical Lateran University. In the meantime, he studied French and updated himself in the printing technique. He was also a supervisor in the press.

From 1975, Brother Bruno began his missionary life, until last Tuesday, when the Lord called him to himself. Five nations welcomed him as Pauline.

Congo is the first, where he arrived as a young professed at the age of 22. He arrived here for the first time in 1975, precisely entering the community of Kinshasa, to help with printing, and then to take over the layout department. In Congo he will return a second time (2002-2004) and then from 2010 to 2013, as Director General of the apostolate in Kinshasa, and as co-ordinator of the press in Lubumbashi.

The land that he has served for a longer time is certainly Colombia. He arrived in Bogotá in 1977 and remained there uninterruptedly until 1995. His apostolic work was still the press that he slowly transformed with new machineries, thus giving a strong impulse to innumerable publications. He was also into the general direction of the apostolate, a service that will allow him to increase the construction of new bookshops in Colombia and in other Central American countries. It was precisely in Bogotá that he would emit his perpetual profession on 29 June 1978.

But we must not forget his commitment within CIDEP, as a member of the Board and specifically responsible for monitoring the Diffusion sector. In fact, from 1996 to 2002, Brother Bruno lives in São Paulo (Brazil) and together with other confreres, he encouraged new initiatives, visiting the bookstores scattered throughout the various Circumscriptions and accompanying the apostolic realities in their development.

An important period of his missionary life is linked to the Canada-France Region. In 2004, he arrived in the community of Arpajon (France) and until 2007. He was director of the Paris bookshop, Director General of the apostolate and Regional Vicar. During this period, he was also a member of the CTIA (2005-2007). In September 2007 he left for Sherbrook (Canada), working in the bookshop, apostolate that will continue until 2010, when he is sent to Montreal (in 2009), inserted in the bookstore in the city. He will return to Montreal in October 2013 as warehouse manager. Since November 2015, he was also a delegate of the Regional Superior for the community.

To remember this confrere of ours today means to think of his apostolic passion. Wherever he spent himself with such generosity, he used his tenacity to overcome the many difficulties, to modernize our printing works and to open new bookshops... In his various commitments he showed strength and a concrete vision; at times he was demanding and determined to support his ideas. A Disciple who has really worked a lot, and that, precisely for this reason, lately he had to slow down his commitments.

His sense of humour should not be forgotten, his sometimes funny behaviour which, together with his apostolic enthusiasm, made him capable of adapting to different situations.

Let us now entrust Brother Bruno to the goodness of the Divine Master. Together with Blessed Alberione and Timothy Giaccardo, may he be welcomed in the Celestial City, assured that the good he lived among us is what will remain forever.

Rome, 12 July 2018

Father Domenico Soliman, ssp

As of today, the date of his funeral is not yet established, as well as his place of interment.

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