

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 6.00 a.m. (local time) yesterday, 23 March 2019, died in Kochi (India), due to respiratory complications our brother Disciple

BROTHER JOHN RALPH PORUNNOLIL
77 years, 54 years of Pauline life, 49 years of Religious Profession

John was born in Palai (Kerala) on 17 March 1942, a town that today has just over 22,000 inhabitants, surrounded by greenery and by many hills. His parents Zacharias and Alice had him baptized six days after birth. It is in this deeply religious family that John grew with a brother and five sisters.

He entered the Pauline community of Mumbai on 28 June 1965 and remained there for three years and on 15 July 1968 he began his novitiate in Allahabad. Two years later, on 16 July, he made his first religious profession and confirmed perpetually on 30 June 1975. It was the then Provincial Superior, Father Ferrero, who wrote some of his characteristics in the presentation of Brother John Ralph that will accompany him throughout his life: «Faithful in the practices of piety, he feels the need for prayer. He does everything with maturity, also feeling the need to do well and the inner life».

His first apostolate after perpetual profession was typography in the community of Allahabad; he had been preparing for four years obtaining the diploma in Press Technology, a study that he later needed to teach this art to many young students at our community in Mumbai. From 1977 to 1983, Brother John changed his apostolate and entered the bookshop, first in Madras (for a year) and then in New Delhi. During the next two years he worked at Linotype in Bangalore (1983-1984) and for a year devoted himself to the study of philosophy (1984-1985) at Dharmaram College. From 1985 until 1994 we find him again engaged in the apostolate of the bookshop, in Madras (1985-1986), Mumbai (1986-1993) and New Delhi (1993-1994). In 1994 he moved to Mumbai where he taught press technology for almost ten years. The last stage of his Pauline life, from 2014 to the present, was the Kochi community.

Brother John was a silent person and a tireless worker, a simple and unpretentious man who loved the Pauline life, capable of cultivating dialogue with the confreres. The apostolate lived lately has been that of suffering, that is when a few years ago he was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease, a disease that will progressively and seriously affect his health: brother John died at Lisie Hospital after a month of hospitalization.

Let us now entrust Brother John to the Divine Master and to his mercy. In this Centenary Year of the Secret of Success we ask Him to multiply all the good he has done, a concrete action, directed to the evangelization according to the heart

of the Apostle Paul. To the Lord we also entrust this Year of Vocation which as a Pauline Family we are living to "rekindle the gift of God" and to take to heart every young person who will call in our Family to participate in his mission: to lead humanity to the Father.

Together with Blessed James Alberione and Timothy Giaccardo, may brother John Ralph enjoy the gift of Paradise, being assured that the good witnessed is what will remain forever.

Rome, 24 marzo 2019

Father Domenico Soliman, ssp

His funeral services will be held at St Jude's Church, Karanakodam at 3.45 p.m. on 25March, 2019.

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