



At 10:05 PM on 20 August 2019, *dies natalis* of the Pauline Family, the Disciple of the Divine Master died at the Clínica Nuestra Señora de América in Madrid (Spain)

BROTHER JOSÉ ANTONIO JAVIER CAÑO MARTÍNEZ
79 years, 67 of Pauline life and 59 of religious profession

José Antonio was born on 1 November 1939 in Zuñeda, 60 kilometers from Burgos, in the north of the Iberian Peninsula, from his father Efigenio and mother Natividad. His family is simple, of humble and hardworking parents, like many in those days, dedicating itself to working in the fields and raising the five children. In fact, José Antonio had two brothers and two sisters, with whom he experienced from an early age the joys and pains of life in common, a good exercise for his long future as a Pauline religious.

Baptized five days after birth, he received Confirmation at the age of three, 26 October 1942. The boy, who grew up in a very religious context, already felt at a very young age his call to follow the Lord in the consecrated life. At the age of 12, on 18 September 1951, he entered our house in Zalla (Bilbao). Here he lived all the initial formation, which saw him engaged, according to the trappings of Pauline formation, in study and in the apostolate.

He began his novitiate in 1957 in the community of Coslada, a town in the suburbs of Madrid. Here, after two years, on 8 September 1959, he made his first religious profession in the hands of the Provincial Superior, Father Desiderio Costa, taking the religious name of Javier. Exactly five years later, on 8 September 1964, he lived with great joy in Coslada the moment of perpetual profession. From then on, his long apostolic life began, alternating between Spain and Venezuela.

From 1964, we find him engaged full-time in the printing press of Coslada, in the photomechanical section. For years, Brother Javier has accumulated considerable experience in his field. After more than 10 years of experience, in 1975, thanks to the skills acquired and his willingness to leave his homeland, he was invited by the Superior General of the time to move to Caracas, Venezuela, where he took on the same apostolic post. Here he remained for six years, until 1981, when he returned to Spain to be assigned to the community of Zalla, the one where he had entered thirty years earlier, with tasks this time related to the local bookstore and warehouse.

In 1989, obedience calls him, however, again in Caracas, where he resumed the former press apostolate. This time he remained only three

years, until 1992. In that year, he returned to Spain, to the community of Las Rozas, near Madrid, to take care of various community services. But he was immediately afterwards destined to the Madrid-Resina community, recently closed. Here, for many years until October 2018, he made his precious ministry in the warehouse of that community. Finally, from October 2018, he was transferred to the community of Seville.

As can be seen from these few notes, this dear Disciple has been available from a young age to change community and nation of belonging and ready to lend a hand to anyone who requested it. Always willing to dedicate himself to the apostolic tasks assigned with generosity, he was very fond of sports and nature, also enjoying a jovial character, even if sometimes a little reserved.

About a year ago some health problems began, which resulted in a kidney tumour, which, although removed by surgery, did not stop due to a metastasis that was very widespread in recent months, until to make his end inevitable.

Many are the testimonies of Paulines and our lay collaborators, who attest to the good example of Brother Javier in living an exemplary Pauline life in terms of hard work and availability. His community and spiritual life have always been an example to all. His generosity and sense of humour more than made up for his occasional privacy.

Let us now pray because, after so much work for the Kingdom of God on earth, this brother of ours may now receive from the Divine Master the eternal reward in heaven. At his intercession, together with that of St. Paul and of the Queen of Apostles, we entrust the many fruits that we await in the vocation year of the Pauline Family, which we are living.

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Secretary General*

The funeral takes place today, 21 August 2019, at 6:00 PM in the Chapel of the community of the Provincial House (Madrid, Protasio Gómez). His ashes will subsequently be kept in the Pauline chapel of the cemetery of Las Rozas (Madrid).

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