

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 9:30 AM (local time) yesterday, 14 July, our confrere died in our community of Kochi (India), due to Alzheimer's disease complications.

BROTHER JOHN PIUS KOCHUPARAMBIL ULAHANNAN **83 years, 61 of Pauline life, 54 of profession**

A person with a simple and silent character, who dedicated his entire life to our apostolate with passion and dedication, embodying – we could say – the traits of the life of Saint Joseph. His availability was well recognized by the confreres, especially in the long period he worked in the bookstore, from 1968 to 1996, first in Mumbai, then in Kochi and finally in Kozhikode. He did not need many words to give everyone the charity of the truth, even when he took care of the shipping sector in our “Examiner Bookshop” in Mumbai, where he worked for a long time. He was an exemplary Disciple of the Divine Master for his love of work and prayer, ingredients that really gave meaning to his Pauline religious life.

Brother Pius also worked in the field of printing in the communities of Mumbai (1960-1964) and Allahabad (1964-1968).

This brother of ours, who passed among us without much talk of himself, was born on 17 February 1938 in Muthalakodam (in the State of Kerala), in a religious family, where mother Mariam and father Mathai educated their four children to the Christian faith and to the gift of self. Proof of this is the fact that Brother Pius had a brother who was a diocesan priest.

On 26 June 1960, he entered the community in Mumbai and on 16 July 1964, he began the novitiate in Allahabad which concluded with his first religious profession on 16 July 1966, taking the name of Pius. In the community of Mumbai, on 15 August 1970, he perpetually professed his religious vows.

After many years of apostolic activity, in 2014 Brother Pius had to move to the community of Kochi for the onset of the first symptoms of Alzheimer's. In a few days, his health deteriorated quickly.

Let us entrust this brother of ours to the mercy of the Father and from Heaven may he intercede for the needs of the Pauline Family in India.

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Father Domenico Soliman, ssp
Secretary General

The funeral of Brother Pius will be celebrated tomorrow, 16 July, at 9:00 AM, in the chapel of the community of Kochi. The body will be buried in the cemetery of the Parish Church of St. Jude in Karanakodam (Kochi).

The Superiors of Circumscriptions are to inform their communities for the suffrages prescribed (Const. 65 and 65.1).