

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 9:45 AM (local time) on Saturday, 27 August 2022, our confrere died in the Alba infirmary due to pancreatic cancer

FATHER ITALO RICCARDO CANSIANI

79 years, 69 of Pauline life, 60 of profession, 54 of priesthood

Italo was born in Casarsa della Delizia (Pordenone) on 7 October 1942, the seventh of nine children (five brothers and three sisters), from parents Lino and Serafin Amelia. He entered in the community of Vicenza on 16 August 1953. He began his novitiate on 7 September 1960, made his first religious profession on 8 September 1961, assuming the name of Riccardo. He was definitively consecrated with perpetual profession on 8 September 1966 and was ordained presbyter on 30 June 30 1968.

After the year of licentiate in theology, Fr Italo began his full-time apostolic experience in Catania, as a teacher of the young. Subsequently, he went to work in the printing press and then to the C.E.P. Warehouse that he started in Cinisello Balsamo in 1983 and continued this activity also in Rome the following year. From 1988 to 1994, he dedicated himself to the Promotion of the Pauline Periodicals in the community of Catania. He then continued the experience of the DISP Warehouses in the various communities in Italy: Modena, Cinisello Balsamo, Alba, Vicenza, and in this latter community, from 2001 to 2004, he worked with Pauline Promotion in the area.

Fr Italo, although he could give the impression of being an indifferent and “gruff” person, was a lovable, generous person. He joked willingly, got along well with everyone and was difficult to take offense. He was a deeply spiritual person, very attentive to his brothers and to the apostolate. He lived all the various activities always with great commitment, responsibility and a Pauline spirit, always faithful to his vocation.

He was a tireless worker in the apostolate, a man of toil, very practical and active. In his spare time, he devoted himself to being a factotum, always available for the various needs of the confreres of the community, as well as for the Pauline Sisters for whom, in addition to celebrating and breaking the word for them, he was always ready for other more concrete services, and was much appreciated and loved by them. He was a concrete person, of few words, quiet, simple, very jovial, a man of God.

On 30 June 2018, the then Superior General Fr Valdir José De Castro, on the occasion of his 50th anniversary of presbyteral ordination, wrote to him in his message of good wishes: “Dear Fr Italo ... thank you for your apostolate lived for many years in the St Pauls Diffusion, but also through your attention to people and your generosity manifested in so many ways... Thank you”.

Fr Italo, as the Gospel recalls on the day of his call to heaven, was a Pauline who put himself on the line and made the most of his talents, giving himself

totally to God, to his brothers and to the apostolate. May the Lord now welcome this brother of ours with joy and love – “Well, good and faithful servant, you have been faithful in little, I will give you power over much; take part in the joy of your master” – while we ask him to intercede with the divine Master for numerous and holy vocations for our Congregation and the Pauline Family.

Rome, 27 August 2022

Father Vito Spagnolo, ssp

The funeral will be celebrated on Monday, 29 August at 9:00 AM in the Church of Saint Paul in Alba. The body will be buried in the city cemetery.

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