

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 AM (local time) yesterday, Sunday 10 April 2022, our brother disciple died in the Community of Alba Casa Madre due to kidney failure

BROTHER GIUSEPPE SAMUELE CAPURSO

79 years, 68 of Pauline life, 59 of profession

Brother Samuele was born in Gioia del Colle (Bari) on 23 March 1943, in a family with two brothers and a sister, from parents Angelo Michele and Ortensia Pugliese. He entered the community of Bari on 19 September 1953. He began his novitiate on 8 September 1960 and made his first religious profession on the same day in 1962, taking the name of Samuele. He definitively consecrated himself with perpetual profession on 8 September 1967.

Brother Samuele thus arrived in the Vicenza community in 1968, working in the printing house for which he would become responsible a few years later. In 1982, he moved to the community of Rome, taking over the direction of the printing and bookbinding sector. Three years later, he joined the community of Cinisello Balsamo (Milan), where he will take care of the general services of our publishing house. In October 2015, he was transferred to the infirmary of the Mother House, where he will remain until the end of his life.

Brother Samuele was a simple, sociable and friendly man, in love with the Pauline vocation. In the first years he spent in Vicenza, he lived what his master already wrote in the application form for perpetual profession: «Generous to the point of sacrifice». And not only in the apostolic field but also in the service of the community, ready to prepare good dishes during some festivities. He knew how to weave good relationships with the aspirants and when he could, he was close to them during the school camps.

A new adventure began in Cinisello Balsamo, always with passion, dealing with many concrete aspects of the apostolic reality, including the trips of the confreres. A man intrigued by mechanics and “everything that moves”, he was a “born engineer”. This is why his confreres nicknamed him “the engineer”, which he did not mind. He also loved keeping up to date with technology in general. In fact, Brother Samuele understood a little of everything and solved many problems that presented themselves to him, even in the community. He never said no or “I’m tired”, because of an available disposition, “the right man in the right place”, “rare and precious”, appreciated by all. Even today, there are many people who remember him like this. Considering his baptismal name, Joseph, the words of Genesis could be applied to him: “Go to Joseph” (41:55).

Brother Samuele following a neuroma in the head underwent some delicate interventions, without resolving the problem, for which it was necessary to transfer him to the infirmary of the community of Alba. Over time, things got worse, leaving him totally paralyzed. In the last few years, he

could only move his radiant eyes, through which he seems to recognize people, and to squeeze tightly the hand of those who visited him. For several years, he lived through this very difficult and painful situation, always with courage and perseverance, truly living the apostolate of suffering.

May the Risen Lord welcome this brother of ours, who just this year would have celebrated his 60th anniversary of religious profession, and show him his Face of joy and love for all eternity.

Rome, 11 April 2022

Father Vito Spagnolo, ssp

The funeral will be celebrated on Tuesday, 12 April, at 9.30 AM, in the Saint Paul Church 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).