

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 8:30 PM (local time) on Thursday, 19 January 2023, our confrere died in Alba Casa Madre due to respiratory failure

BROTHER GINO GIUSEPPE BAIDO

93 years, 72 of Pauline life, 66 of profession

Brother Joe (as he was familiarly called) was born in Enego (Vicenza) on 28 October 1929, the fourth of six children (three brothers and three sisters), from parents Giuseppe and Giustina Della Palma. He entered the community of Alba on 18 April 1950. He began his novitiate on 7 September 1954, made his first religious Profession on 8 September 1956, assuming the name of Giuseppe, and was definitively consecrated with his perpetual Profession on 8 September 1961.

Brother Joe began his apostolic experience as a Lino typist in the community of Alba, an activity he carried out until 1965, the year in which he was asked to move abroad, to France, to the community of Arpajon. Here he will be engaged in the bookshop apostolate for a couple of years. In 1967, he was transferred again, this time to Canada, to the community of Sherbrooke, where he would continue his activity in the bookshop. In 1980, he moved to the Montréal community, dealing with book promotion and in 1993, he was appointed Manager of the Sherbrooke bookstore. The following years were dedicated to the Diffusion Sector, until 2008, the year in which he was transferred to Italy, to the Alba infirmary, where he would remain until the end.

Brother Joe spent his best years in Canada. He had a good critical sense and a good ease of contact and relationships, qualities that he used well in his apostolate. In addition to the apostolic activities he carried out – in the bookshop, as representative of the editions and publishers distributed by Médiaspaul, and also as Director of shipping and of the book warehouse –, it is worth mentioning the contribution he gave in the various jobs in the house, always ready where there was a mechanical or electrical damage to be repaired and in maintaining the motor vehicles, jobs that were always of high quality and much appreciated. Not least was his passion for music and singing, which allowed him to make liturgical celebrations more solemn.

The then Superior General, Father Valdir José De Castro, wrote to him in his greeting for his 60th anniversary of religious profession: «You have come a long way; many are the years in which you spent yourself proclaiming the Gospel, always with the joy of belonging to our Congregation. The good that you have witnessed with your life and proclaimed in your apostolate, above all in Canada, but also in France, precisely the good accomplished, is what will remain forever».

May the Lord welcome this brother of ours with joy and reward him abundantly, while we ask him to intercede with the Lord for numerous and holy vocations in our Congregation and in the Pauline Family.

Rome, 20 January 2023

Father Vito Spagnolo, ssp

The funeral will be celebrated tomorrow, Saturday 21 January, at 10:30 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 of the prescribed suffrages (Const. 65 and 65.1).