

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 11:00 AM (local time), Saturday, 11 February 2023, our confrere died in the infirmary of the San Paolo Community in Rome, due to cardiac arrest

BROTHER RENZO STANISLAO PUTTI

92 years, 81 of Pauline life and 74 of religious profession

Brother Renzo was born in Campagnola di Brugine (Padova) on 14 July 1930, the second of five children (two brothers and two sisters), from parents Orlando and Ada Linda Bezze. He entered the community of Sacile (Pordenone) on 10 September 1941. He began his Novitiate on 18 March 1947 in Rome, made his First Religious Profession on 19 March 1948 and was definitively consecrated with his Perpetual Profession on 19 March 1953.

During the years of his temporary profession, we find him in Alba and in Rome assigned to the paperback and monotype apostolate. After his perpetual profession, from 1953 to 1959, he was still in Alba as an assistant of the aspirants and engaged in the monotype. From 1959 to 1969, he was in Bari, still carrying out the service of assistant of the aspirants and working in paperback and typography. From 1969 to 1970, he was in Ostia in charge of machine maintenance and in the bookbinding. He then moved on to Cinisello Balsamo, where he dedicated himself to the apostolate in the paperback and diffusion of Pauline periodicals (1970-1971).

In 1971, a new chapter began for him. In fact, he was transferred abroad, to Canada, first to Montréal (1971-1979) and then to Sherbrooke (1980-1981), where he carried out various tasks: general services, diffusion of Pauline products in schools (books and "Vidéo Presse") and typography.

In 1979-1980, he was in Rome, where he attended religious refresher courses, but in 1981 he returned to Italy definitively (he would return to Canada only for a short period from 1983 to 1985). In the Generalate, he was involved in the maintenance of the house and in general services, including the one – much appreciated – of accompanying, especially the members of the General Government, departing or arriving, to the airport.

After the transfer of the Generalate from Via della Fanella to Via Alessandro Severo (2007), Brother Renzo will move to various communities: Tor San Lorenzo, Vicenza, Ariccia and again in Vicenza, always in general services, until, for reasons of health, in 2021, he will be transferred to the infirmary of the San Paolo Community in Rome, from where, today, he left for the Father's house.

Brother Renzo was a good Disciple, with an outgoing character, ready to crack a joke, affable and helpful, lively and cheerful, gifted with good technical qualities, although self-taught, qualities that he put at the service of the community, succeeding well in every type of work. He was very helpful towards the brothers and even the sisters of the neighbouring communities: he could be counted on. He also had the gift of playing the harmonium, through which he brought a note of joy into the liturgies of the community.

We find a synthesis of his personality in the letter that the then Superior General, Father Valdir José De Castro, wrote to him on the occasion of his 70th

anniversary of religious profession: «All these years of Pauline life are a true gift from the Lord, just as your always cheerful character, capable of entering into relationships with every person, of leaving for the mission, in Canada, and then of offering your precious help in the Generalate ... How many Paulines have you known and helped in many ways!».

Brother Renzo was called precisely during the Eucharistic celebration, which is celebrated every day in the infirmary chapel, and precisely after having received the anointing of the sick. He was called on the day in memory of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Lourdes, on the 31st World Day of the Sick: the “Immaculate Mother” herself accompanied him in this passage towards the resurrection and new life.

May the Lord welcome our dear brother and admit him in the light of his face. We ask him to intercede for numerous and holy vocations in our Congregation, especially of Brother Disciples of the Divine Master.

Rome, 11 February 2023

Father Vito Spagnolo, ssp

The funeral will be celebrated at 9:30 AM on Monday, 13 February, in the Sub crypt of the Queen of the Apostles Shrine. After the funeral, the body will be transported and buried in the cemetery of Campagnola di Brugine (Padua).

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