

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 10:40 AM yesterday, 16 November, our confrere passed away at the Hospital of San Camillo in Buenos Aires (Argentina)

FATHER FERNANDO OSCAR TESEYRA **54 years, 35 of Pauline life, 22 of priesthood**

Father Fernando was born in Metán (Salta) on 18 November 1966, the first of three children, to parents Rubio Oscar and Ester Beatriz Farfan. He entered the community of Cordoba on 20 February 1986. He began his novitiate on 25 January 1988, made his first profession on 25 January of the following year, perpetual profession on 24 January 1998 and was ordained a priest on 23 January 1999.

After ordination, he was inserted into the Pauline apostolic world, becoming Director of *Vida Pastoral* and responsible for production. The following year, he also took on the role of Vocational Animator of the Circumscription. In the years 2001-2004, he was in Rome to complete his studies: he attended the Pontifical Salesian University and participated in the formation course on the Charism of the Pauline Family. In 2004, he returned to Latin America and was appointed Delegate of the community of Lima (Peru) and Director General of the Apostolate in Peru. In 2007, he assumed the office of Vicar Provincial and General Coordinator of Vocation Promotion and Formation, precisely in the period in which Fr Valdir José De Castro, Superior General, was Provincial of the then Argentina-Chile-Peru circumscription, and who remembers having made use of his support, generosity and collaboration. Since 2008, he has been Delegate or Superior of the communities of Buenos Aires Provincial Seat and Buenos Aires, Florida (2008-2020), as well as Junior Master (2008-2016). His apostolic commitment is also characterized by the direction of *El Domingo* and *La Liturgia Cotidiana*. In 2011, he was elected Provincial Councilor, a service that he will continue for a second term.

In 2021, he contracted Covid-19 and a difficult period began for him, made up of suffering and hospitalizations for bilateral bronchopneumonia and surgery. He often repeated words full of availability: «Count on me... » even when his forces were minimal.

Father Fernando was a person who in various situations knew how to make himself “everything for everyone”, always available to his confreres, especially the sick. He had a strong capacity of empathy, of listening and understanding, he was compassionate, well-liked by many people and, in particular, by the Pauline Family. He had a big heart, a great ability to give himself to others.

He was a Pauline who also lived his commitment as a vocational animator with passion precisely because he was in love with our mission. The words of a young Pauline describe him thus: «He was the first Pauline I met, who made

me know and love the charism... I carry his teachings in my heart; he made me love Scripture and our Pauline ministry. How much need is there for someone to teach us the passion for our spirituality, without syncretism! And this is what he preached and lived and tried to make us live».

Expert of the Founder, he knew well his writings and Pauline spirituality, and for this reason, he was often called for retreats and conferences. He knew how to put himself on the same level as his interlocutors: all deserved the time and love from him. He knew the Spanish language well, a gift which enabled him to write several devotional pamphlets.

Some words of the document of admission to perpetual profession give a good picture of his profile: «He was able to integrate moments of prayer with apostolic activity; he was always available to take on the various services that were requested of him both at community level and at apostolic level. He showed openness to dialogue, teamwork and new congregational orientations».

May the Lord abundantly reward this dear brother of ours by giving him the peace and joy reserved for his chosen ones. We pray that from Heaven, he may intercede for so many and holy vocations for the Society of Saint Paul and for the whole Pauline Family.

Rome, 17 November 2021

Fr Vito Spagnolo, ssp

The funeral will be celebrated on Thursday, 18 November, at 9:00 AM, in the chapel of the Buenos Aires Florida community. The body will be buried in the Chacarita cemetery, in the city of Buenos Aires

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