

Nella casa del Padre

«Come siamo stati uniti
nella professione della fede,
così manteniamoci uniti
nel suffragio e nell'intercessione».
(Don Alberione)



At 2:15 AM (local time) yesterday, 29 May 2022, our priest confrere died in the *San Paolo* Community of Bogotá (Colombia)

FATHER ISIDORO GIACOMO TRAFFANO MILLO ***100 years, 87 of Pauline life, 81 of profession and 74 of priesthood***

Father Isidoro was born in Quattordio (Alessandria, Italy) on 7 April 1922, the first of six children, from parents Giacomo and Domenica Francesca Millo. He entered the community of Alba on 3 November 1934. He began his novitiate on 7 September 1939 and made his first religious profession on 8 September 1940, taking the name of Giacomo. He was definitively consecrated with perpetual profession on 8 September 1944. He was ordained a priest on 3 August 1947 in Alba by the laying on of hands by Msgr. Luigi Grassi.

Just a few months after his priestly ordination, he was already leaving for the mission. He began with a year in Colombia, but immediately after, he was asked to found a community in Caxias do Sul (Brazil). During this period he worked first in the bookshop, then in the parish (1949-1953) and finally in the opening of the seminary.

In 1956, he returned to Bogotá, Colombia, where for eight years he devoted himself to teaching in the seminary and other apostolic activities, such as Saint Paul Film, distributing films in parishes and spending evenings reviewing films. Also in those years, he prepared various film projections that are then staged in the Salesian oratories. He was also the manager of the Saint Paul bookshop. In 1964, he was sent to Argentina, where he remained for a short period. In 1966, he returned to Bogotá again where he dealt with the dissemination and administration of the magazines *Familia Cristiana*, *El Domingo* and *Ediciones Paulinas*.

Since the 1970s, he has dedicated himself to teaching aspirants and since 1976, for two terms, he has been Superior of the Community of Bogotá.

In 1988, he left for Quito (Ecuador) to found the community of which he later became Superior. There he remained until 2015, when he returned to Colombia for health reasons.

Father Isidoro had friendly contacts with various Superiors General. On the occasion of his 50th anniversary of priestly ordination, the then Superior General Don Silvio Pignotti wrote about him: «We are sincerely grateful to Fr Isidoro for his precious contribution, offered in various circumscriptions of Latin America, for the vocational and apostolic growth of the Society of Saint Paul and of the Pauline Family, during so many years of service and ministry». And Fr Valdir José De Castro, for the 70th anniversary of Fr Isidoro's presbyteral ordination, summarized his mission as follows: «In all these years the Lord has accompanied you and helped you to live your ministry with a big,

missionary heart capable of embracing different cultures and people. Brazil first, then Ecuador and Colombia were the nations that welcomed you, where you offered your life... I thank you for the great good sown in the communities where you lived... Thank you!».

Father Isidoro left us on a particularly significant day, namely the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord in which we also celebrate the World Day of Social Communications, the beginning of our XI General Chapter and the day in which, together with the Church, we make memory of Saint Paul VI, recalling his great love for Blessed Alberione and our mission.

May the Lord welcome this brother of ours and reward him with all his gifts, while we ask him to intercede for our General Chapter and for numerous and holy vocations in Latin America.

Rome, 30 May 2022

Father Vito Spagnolo, ssp

The funeral is celebrated today, 30 May at 11:00 AM in the *Templo San Pablo* in Bogotá. The body will be buried in *Cementerio la Inmaculada*.

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