

# *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 4:30 PM (local time) on Friday, 28 October 2022, our confrere died in Alba due to cardio-respiratory arrest

## **BROTHER VITTORIO DAVIDE CODATO** **86 years, 65 of Pauline life, 61 of profession**

Vittorio was born in Lomazzo (Como) on 2 December 1935, the eighth of nine children (five brothers and three sisters), from parents Amedeo and Galinaro Maria. He entered in the community of Cinisello Balsamo on 10 February 1957. On 7 September 1959, he entered the Novitiate in Ostia Lido (Rome), made his first Religious Profession on 8 September 1961, assuming the name of Davide, and was definitively consecrated with perpetual profession on 8 September 1966.

Brother Davide worked for many years as a galvanic technician and then as department head in Alba, in the St Pauls magazines. From 1994 to 1999, he served as guide of the groups visiting the “*Periodici San Paolo*” plant. From 1999 to 2012, he carried out the precious animation work at the birthplace of Don Alberione in San Lorenzo di Fossano (Cuneo), in agreement with the Superior of the Mother House. From 2012, onwards he dedicated himself to service in the Infirmary of the Alba community, where in March 2022 he became a patient and from where the Lord called him definitively.

He was a good, cheerful, sociable and affable person. He created friendly relationships with everyone, in the community as well as outside. He was faithful to the commitments of the apostolate, which he nourished with intense prayer, particularly with a strong Marian devotion. In the years spent in San Lorenzo di Fossano, he was very hospitable, welcoming and cordial with the groups who came to visit, and he had a particular passion for flowers that he took care of with a lot of dedication and love.

The then Superior General, Fr Valdir José De Castro, on 8 September 2021 – on the occasion of his 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of religious profession – wrote to him thus: «Thank you for your service to the Congregation through various apostolates, including that of guiding groups to visit the *Famiglia Cristiana* plant in Alba and later to the animation of the birthplace of Blessed James Alberione in San Lorenzo di Fossano... How many Paulines have you known and helped in many ways! I thank you for the good sown with both hands as a Disciple of the Divine Master».

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Brother Davide left us on the same day in which, in 1928, the St Paul Church was inaugurated in Alba, the church where he will receive the greeting and the final embrace with the funeral, with a particular blessing from our dear father Saint Paul. Let us pray to the Lord Jesus – whom Brother Davide loved and followed with so much love – to grant him the fullness of what he has already lived here on earth, as Saint Paul recalls in the First Reading of the liturgy of 28 October: «You are no more strangers or guests, but you are fellow citizens of the saints and family members of God».

May the Lord welcome this brother of ours and give him the prize promised to his friends, while we ask him to intercede with the Lord for numerous and holy vocations as brother Disciples of the Divine Master in our Congregation.

Rome, 29 October 2022

Father Vito Spagnolo, ssp

*The funeral will be celebrated on Monday, 31 October at 9:30 AM in the Church of Saint Paul of Alba. The body will be buried in the cemetery of Alba.*

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