

# 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)



## **BROTHER VINCENT CHERUPARAMPIL**

***71 years, 54 of Pauline life, 50 of profession***

breathed his last on Thursday, 27 July 2023, at the Holy Family Hospital (Mumbai, India), at 11:10 pm, due to kidney failure.

Vincent Cheruparampil was born on 22 February 1952 at Vazhakulam in the diocese of Kothamangalam, Kerala (India). He was baptized at St George Church, Vazhakulam, on 28 February 1952. His parents, the late Mr Joseph and the late Mrs. Rosa, were devout Catholics. He has three brothers and five sisters.

In 1969 Vincent joined the Society of St Paul in the community of Mumbai. He entered the Novitiate in the community of Bangalore on 29 June 1972 and made his First Religious Profession on 30 June 1973. He made his Final Commitment, on 15 August 1979, in the community of Mumbai.

Soon after his Final Profession, Br Vincent was transferred and entrusted with the responsibility of the Book centre in Allahabad, which he carried out from 1979 to 1983. He was then appointed the director of the printing press in Allahabad from 1983 to 1986. Seeing his commitment and leadership qualities, he was appointed the Delegate of the Provincial in the community of Coimbatore (1986-1990). From Coimbatore, he was called back to Allahabad to take care of the printing press (1990-93). From 1993 to 2001, he rendered his service in the Examiner Bookshop in Mumbai. Then he was transferred to the Community of Bangalore and was appointed the Community Provider (2001-2006).

In the following years, he continued to give his selfless services as the Community Provider, Infirmarian, Field In-charge, etc., in the communities of Ranchi, Mumbai, and Guwahati. In 2021, as his health was deteriorating he was transferred to Mumbai for treatment and was undergoing dialysis for more than a year. He was part of the Mumbai community until he breathed his last at 71, succumbing to kidney failure.

The life of a genuine person like Br Vincent reveals the wonderful working of God's grace in our life through human instrumentality. Like all religious, he had difficulties, problems, sufferings, and weaknesses. But he dealt with them with faith, courage, determination, and religious conviction. How he handled his life shows how one can grow in sanctity in ordinary and challenging life situations. His life of suffering and patience was a living testimony to his contemporaries and it reminds us that we are not always called to high places and be honorable, but faithful to our religious vocation and persevere in the pursuit of holiness.

All those who know Br Vincent will affirm that he was a soft-spoken and gentle person, ever generous in carrying out his responsibilities with commitment. He was simple and friendly with everyone and had a special concern

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and care for the sick and the old. He carried out the tasks entrusted to him without much hype or hoopla. His selfless dedication and generous spirit in the Pauline mission inspire all the members of the Province.

He suffered a lot physically during the last two years of his life but was always available for any service that was asked of him. On 30 June 2023, he had completed his fifty years (GOLDEN JUBILEE) of his religious profession. He was then ill and hospitalised, so he could not celebrate this milestone with his confreres in the community or with the members of his family. Though he was admitted to the ICU of the Holy Family Hospital, Bandra, and remained there since then suffering immensely, his encounter with the Lord last night at 11:10 was sudden and unexpected, but serene and peaceful.

Let us commend the noble soul of our confrere Br Vincent into the merciful hands of Jesus, our Divine Master, who is the Lord of life and death, as we believe that he has already reached “Casa del Padre.”

Rome, 28 July 2023

Br Lorenzo Vezzani, ssp

*The funeral Mass for Br Vincent will be celebrated on Tuesday, 01 August 2023, at 10.00 a.m. (local time) in our community chapel at Bandra, Mumbai, and his mortal remains will be buried in our cemetery at Sewry, Mumbai (India). May his soul rest in peace. Amen.*

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