

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)



In the early hours of Sunday 9 June 2024 he passed away in the “San Paolo” Community in Rome due to a cardiac arrest

BROTHER MATHEW MARTIN KALLIDUKIL **81 years, 58 of Pauline life, 53 of religious profession**

Brother Mathew was born in Muttom (Kerala, India) on 11 November 1942, to parents Joseph and Kanniakkattil Anne. He entered the community of Bombay on 28 June 1965, began his Novitiate on 15 July 1968, made his First Religious Profession on 16 July 1970, taking the name Martin, and was definitively consecrated with Perpetual Profession on 30 June 1975.

Already in 1982 Brother Mathew was transferred to Italy, to the community of Albano Laziale (Rome), where he worked full time in the typography. Here he had the opportunity to be known by the many novices who lived their Novitiate in Albano in that period, many of whom remember him with affection and esteem, above all for his simplicity, affability and the always smiling face that characterized him. In 1997 he was transferred to the “San Paolo” Community in Rome, with the task of hospitality and various tasks, and he remained in this community until the definitive call of the Lord.

Brother Mathew was a simple, unpretentious, positive, gentle and helpful person. He lived silently, “in the shadows,” and in the same way he left, without noise, on tiptoe. He was always available for various jobs in the concierge and in the infirmary. He was also in charge of the office supplies, ready at all hours: if he could do a favour, he would do it willingly. He was humble and hardworking: he carried out even humble, not too ambitious, services with dedication, such as taking away the garbage and other things.

Brother Mathew took care of all his tasks with true dedication, as an authentic Pauline Disciple, and this was born from the care of his interior life, nourished by profound prayer and sacramental life, even if often lived in a private way in his times and places due to the services to which he was called.

He never complained, even if sometimes you could see him a little in pain: he minimized it and said that things were improving. Brother Mathew was a person of few words, also due to the difficulty of the language, which he had never managed to master completely.

Many will miss his characteristic greeting accompanied by a beautiful smile that he always addressed with joy: “Hello, Boss!” In the last few days he had participated in a short course of spiritual exercises in the community, almost

as preparation for the definitive meeting with the Lord. Rest in peace, dear Brother Mathew!

May the Lord welcome this dear brother of ours and give him the peace and joy of his kingdom, while we ask him to intercede for numerous and holy vocations of Brother Disciples in our Congregation.

Rome, 10 June 2024

Father Vito Spagnolo, ssp

The funeral will be celebrated on Tuesday 11 June at 9:00 AM in the Subcrypt of the Basilica Regina degli Apostoli. The body will be buried in the Laurentino cemetery in Rome.

The Circumscription Superiors should inform their communities for the prescribed suffrages (Const. 65 and 65.1).