

# 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 7:30 AM (local time) on Friday 14 June 2024 he died in the community of Kochi (Kerala, India)

## **BROTHER AUGUSTINE ANGELO PULLOKARAN** **90 years, 71 of Pauline life, 69 of religious profession**

Brother Angelo Pullokaran was born in Parappukkara (Kerala, India) on 4 June 1934, the fourth of six children, to parents Antony Pullokaran and Konikkara Anna.

The young Angelo entered the community of Allahabad on 22 January 1953. He was part of the first group of Indian novices and entered the Novitiate on 19 October 1953, made his First Religious Profession on 20 October 1954 and his Perpetual Profession on 20 October 1959. In 1962 Brother Angelo was transferred to Rome for a two-year apostolic experience, to get to know the various apostolic centers in Italy, including the San Paolo International Bookshop in Rome. Upon his return to India, he was tasked with starting our apostolic activities in New Delhi.

From 1964 to 1982 he was director of the New Delhi bookshop. His ability to manage the business side as well as his ability to establish and maintain good public relations helped him become a pioneer in the Province's book apostolate. Brother Angelo was also director of other bookstores: Kochi, Mumbai, New Delhi, Pune, Allahabad, Vijayawada, Eluru.

He also carried out other important services in the Province: Provincial Councillor, Provincial Bursar, Master of Aspirants, Superior of New Delhi, Delegate of the Provincial for the community of Pune, Delegate of the Provincial for the Community of Eluru. He was elected Delegate in three General Chapters (1969-1971, 1992 and 1998). Brother Angelo was also President of the Conference of Religious (CRI) in the Delhi Unit.

Brother Angelo was always active, giving himself fully to the apostolate entrusted to him. Bishops, priests, religious and lay faithful of the National Capital and North India always speak of him as a caring father, an affectionate friend and a zealous apostle of the bookshop. In 2014, His Excellency Anil J. T. Couto, Archbishop of Delhi, remembered him thus: "It was always a joy to visit the St. Paul International Book Centre, in New Delhi, when Brother Angelo was there. He served us the best and latest books and always with a cup of hot coffee".

In 2018, due to age-related health problems, Brother Angelo was transferred from New Delhi to Kochi where he was able to take advantage of better medical facilities. Brother Angelo has enjoyed good health throughout his life, except in the last year, when his condition worsened, requiring him to be bedridden and make occasional hospital visits. However, despite his suffering,

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he always remained serene and prayerful, waiting for the call of the Lord and at the same time inspiring and encouraging all those who went to visit him, especially the young Paulines.

Brother Angelo, speaking of his first years in Allahabad as one of the first Indian Paulines, remembered with nostalgia that, although life was hard, sometimes lacking even the necessities, and the apostolate was very demanding, they were happy and worked hard to build the Province and its apostolate. “Today I feel a sense of joy and satisfaction in seeing that our efforts, our hard work and sacrifices have borne abundant fruit, especially in the growth and development of our apostolate in the Province. I would like to see greater fidelity to our Pauline religious life and a deeper commitment and dedication in our apostolate among the younger generations of Paulines”, he recently told a confrere.

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

*Rome, 15 June 2024*

*Father Vito Spagnolo, ssp*

*On Saturday 15 June 2024 at 2:30 PM in the community of Kochi a Requiem Mass will be celebrated in the community chapel, while the funeral will be celebrated on Sunday 16 June at 4:00 PM at the St. John Church in Parappukkara, his native parish, and his body will be buried in the parish cemetery.*

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