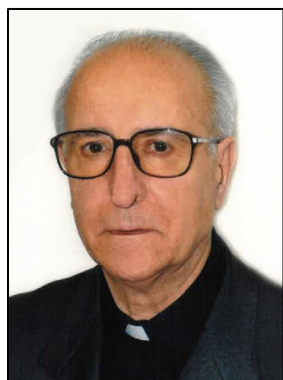


In the Father's House

*As we have been united
in the profession of the faith,
so let us keep ourselves united
in suffrage and intercession».*
(Fr Alberione)



At 2:29 AM (local time) on Sunday 10 November 2024 he died in the Infirmary of the San Paolo Community in Rome due to cardiocirculatory arrest.

FATHER GIUSEPPE PROIETTI

86 years, 58 of Pauline life, 53 of profession and 48 of priesthood

Giuseppe was born in Subiaco (Rome) on 28 March 1938, the last of eight children, six brothers and two sisters, to Nazzareno and Settimia Consalvi. He entered the community of Albano Laziale on 26 August 1966, began his Novitiate on 7 September 1970, made his First Religious Profession in Albano on 8 September 1971 and his Perpetual Profession in Rome on 7 September 1975. He was ordained a priest in Subiaco on 27 June 1976.

Very close to his family of origin, Father Giuseppe had been able to interpret and update in a Pauline key the “ora et labora”, the history and the profound Benedictine spirituality of his land.

He proudly remembered having been welcomed in St Paul by the Founder himself as an “adult vocation.” It was Don Alberione himself who accompanied him to Albano Laziale, following him with frequent visits that left an indelible mark on his entire life.

Since his entry into the Congregation he has been involved in the administrative sector in Rome (1971-1981), Turin (1981-1984) and Alba-Periodici (1984-1986), where he was also community Superior. From 1986 to 1994 he held the position of Provincial Superior of Italy for two terms. From 1995 to 2006 we find him in Milan as General Director of Periodici San Paolo, also holding the role of Provincial Councilor from 1998 to 2002. In 2006 he was appointed Provincial Bursar, in 2009 he moved to the Canonico Chiesa Community as Delegate and from 2010 to 2015 he held the role of General Bursar, remaining in the General Bursar's Office until 2022. Later, for health reasons, he was transferred to the Infirmary of the San Paolo community in Rome.

He was an orderly man, of great delicateness and hospitality, always benevolent towards everyone he met, even when this meant going beyond what was required. During his service as Provincial Superior, his kindness became availability and magnanimity. Father Giuseppe with surprising discretion, avoided any word that could hurt or belittle, demonstrating an extraordinary capacity for respect and confidentiality.

All those who knew him testify to his ability to conquer with a genuine and liberating irony, often accompanied by an authentic and disarming self-irony. Even in the most difficult moments or when he was called to endure suffering and discomfort, his attitude remained serene and benevolent. His life, characterized by great responsibilities, was distinguished by respect for all, animated by a genuine trepidation that testified to his love for the community, until the

last days of his existence. Even during the period of hospitalization at the infirmary in Rome, Father Giuseppe was able to accept the illness, ready to welcome the will of God.

His humility and relational ability also distinguished him with the nursing staff, always ready to say “thank you,” even when the treatments were difficult, a sincere “thank you” that became a testimony of serenity and an apostolate of suffering for the good of the Congregation.

“I was given everything,” he says in his will, “even what I did not deserve. I am not able to judge whether I too gave everything to the Lord and to the Congregation. I can only say that the will to do so was not lacking.”

In his will, he also expressed the desire to have Mary Queen of the Apostles, Saint Paul the Apostle, Blessed James Alberione and Timothy Giaccardo, and all the Venerable of the Pauline Family beside him at the moment of his death.

On this day when we feel the pain of separation, we have many reasons to say “thank you” on behalf of the entire Congregation. May he intercede for all of us with the Divine Master.

Rome, 10 November 2024



Father Paolo Lanzoni, ssp
Secretary General

The funeral will be celebrated on Tuesday, 12 November at 9:30 in the subcrypt of the Sanctuary-Basilica Regina degli Apostoli. The body will be buried in the cemetery of Subiaco (Rome), his hometown.

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