

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 5:30 AM (local time) on Tuesday, 22 June, our confrere died in Alba Casa Madre, due to a cardiac arrest



FATHER ARMANDO GIUSEPPE FIORINDO

87 years, 71 of Pauline life, 66 of profession and 59 of priesthood

Father Armando was born in Arborea (Oristano) on 30 September 1933 to father Giuseppe and mother Assunta Scapolan, the third of five children, three brothers and two sisters. He entered Alba on 10 October 1949 after having attended the eighth grade in the diocesan seminary of Venice. He made his First Profession in Rome on 8 September 1954 and Perpetual Profession on 8 September 1958. He Received the Priesthood by the imposition of the hands of Mons. Ettore Cunial on 2 July 1961.

During his theological formation in Rome, he carried out his apostolate at the historic San Paolo Bookshop in Piazza della Pigna, which then moved to Piazza San Giovanni.

His first apostolic commitment, after his ordination, was in managing the accounting of the book warehouse in Rome. In 1963, he was appointed Master, first in Albano Laziale (until 1967) and later in Bari (until 1974). In this regard, the Founder, in 1963, wrote on a piece of paper: «Father Fiorindo, as soon as he returned from his holidays, will go to Albano Laziale to follow adult vocations». Subsequently, he became vocational animator in Catania (1974-1978), then went to the Sampaolofilm in Florence (1978-1981) and finally to Vicenza with the role of bursar of the community (1981-1983).

In 1983, Father Armando was appointed Superior of the house in Genoa for two terms and remained in this community until 1988, when he was transferred to Florence with an administrative position. Since 2008, he was in the community of the Mother House of Alba where he remained until the day of his departure for Heaven.

A confrere testifies: «Father Armando was very jovial of character; he cheered with his jokes, especially in dialect, the conversations between his companions during the long years of study in preparation for the priesthood. He had total dedication and rigor in fulfilling the commitments entrusted to him by obedience». He was a very zealous person in the priestly ministry, precise in the apostolate, available and easily adapted to various situations. On some occasions, when the dialogue became a little heated, Father Armando was willing to reconcile, to resume relationships. He cultivated sincere, fraternal and true friendships.

Father Fiorindo has always been a man of faith and helpful. For his affability and rectitude, he had the privilege of being chosen by the Founder

as Master of adult vocations in the house of Albano Laziale. To some of his friends he «often spoke of that experience of him. He felt very honoured that the Primo Maestro visited them every week, inquiring about how things were going in the group». «To us, formators and then budding superiors – says a confrere – Father Fiorindo explained how to be with young people, what values we must insist on in order to train them, how to enhance their talents, how to overcome individualism and create a group».

An element that strongly characterized his life was the willpower and the will to live. Struck by stroke, he lived with his illness for a long time, trying to live a normal life as much as possible. Unfortunately, however, the disease had reduced his way of expressing himself and making himself understood.

Special was his attachment to the ministry in the Church of Saint Paul in Alba. In fact, when the Superior reduced his shifts in the confessional or the celebrations because of his health, he complained asking to be able to give himself fully in the ministry.

Father Armando loved the mountains very much: Sant'Anna di Valdieri (Cuneo) has always been his favourite destination. He frequented it for many years together with some confreres, with long walks and long speeches in the evening under the stars.

Let us entrust this brother of ours to the mercy of the Father and from Heaven may he intercede for the needs of the Congregation.

Rome, 22 June 2021

Father Vito Spagnolo, ssp

Father Armando's funeral will be celebrated on Thursday, 24 June, at 9.30 in the Church of Alba. The body will be buried in the city cemetery.

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