

SOCIETY OF ST PAUL  
Secretary General



*“As we have been united in the profession of faith, so let us keep ourselves united in suffrage and intercession.”.*

(Fr Alberione)

Shortly before midnight (local time) on August 6, 2009, Feast of the Transfiguration of Jesus Master, has returned to God our Father our brother Priest

**FR. HIPOLITO TRONGCO ABERION**

***48 years old, 32 years of Pauline life, 21 years of priesthood***

“Fr Lito,” as he has been fondly called, was declared dead on arrival at the Makati Medical Center where he was brought by our confreres in Makati after they found him unconscious in his room. He was suffering from heart ailment during the recent years. Rather than follow conventional medical procedures, he opted for regular chelation therapy even as he took daily dosages of maintenance medicine. Post-mortem examination revealed massive cardiac arrest as the immediate cause of his death.

Born in Nagtupacan, Lagangilang (Abra, Philippines), on January 30, 1961, Fr Lito, fifth in a brood of five boys and one girl, entered Saint Paul College Seminary Makati in 1977 at the age of 16. After obtaining his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Philosophy, minor in Mass Communications and Graphic Arts in 1981, he entered the postulancy and subsequently applied for the novitiate. In his letter of application, he wrote: it was “my great desire to come to know more the Society of Saint Paul and its goals...” Completing his novitiate year (June 1982-June 1983), he made his First Religious Profession in Makati on June 12, 1983.

Fr Lito took up his Bachelor in Sacred Theology at San Carlos Seminary in Manila while continuing his daily apostolate with the collating and folding machines of the Printing Press. It was a task he did even as an aspirant. He made his Perpetual Profession on June 7, 1987, and on December 6 of that year, was ordained a priest by Bishop Teodoro C. Bacani Jr, then Auxiliary Bishop of Manila. He then began his new apostolic assignment with the Marketing Department of Saint Paul Publishing. He was the manager of Libreria San Pablo at AliMall and at SM Megamall (1987-1990, 1992-94). He was also assigned at St.Pauls-Cebu (1991-92).

In 2000-2001, Fr Lito completed the Updating Course in Religious Life, from the Institute of Consecrated Life in Asia in Quezon City. He was afterwards given a new assignment as Product Manager of St Pauls Magazines and Paraliturgy from 2001 to 2002. He then joined ST PAULS Creative Department where, after serving as an associate editor, he became the editor of “The Youngster Magazine.”

Already suffering from heart ailment, he faithfully fulfilled, in his own quiet ways, his sacramental and apostolic duties in the Makati Local Community. He never failed to encourage young evangelizers-writers of the youth magazine. He wrote: “May you continue to dedicate yourself to what you have begun with more works of love ahead for the greater glory of God...”

Before this sudden cardiac attack, Fr Lito managed to finish his homily intended for the first Friday Masses that he would celebrate the following day. We entrust our brother to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus whose ever flowing mercy and love he hoped to emulate. May the Sacred Heart, embrace him in bliss and eternal joy.

*Rome, 7 August 2009*

*Br. Lorenzo Vezzani*

*The funeral will take place on Tuesday 11 August 2009, 6:30 am at St Paul Sanctuary in Makati. Burial will take place in the Pauline Memorial Cemetery in Lipa, City, Batangas.*

**The Superiors of Circumscriptions are to inform their communities of the suffrages prescribed.  
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