

SOCIETÀ SAN PAOLO
casa generalizia



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

(Fr. Alberione)

At 1.50 a.m. (local time) today, 7 October, in the infirmary of the community of Alba, our brother has returned to the Father, Disciple of the Divine Master

BRO. ADOLFO CANDIDO BESSEGATO
83 years, 70 of Pauline life, 65 of religious profession

His health, in jeopardy for some time, had deteriorated rapidly during these last months until its conclusion due to renal blockage at dawn of this day dedicated to the Blessed Virgin of the Rosary.

Born in Morgano (Treviso, Italy) on 26 February 1926, Adolfo had entered the Society of Saint Paul in Alba as a thirteen-year old, on 16 February 1939, after having completed with profit his elementary schooling. He came from a farming family gladdened by five children, bringing with him the luggage of human and Christian education he received.

In the Motherhouse, where he had his first Pauline formation, he stayed until the end of April 1943, when he started the year of novitiate in Rome, which ended with his first religious profession on 2 May 1944. On that day he assumed the new name of Candido. He consecrated himself definitively to the divine Master six years later, on 1 May 1950 in Alba. His apostolic activities of these years centered on the needs of the moment: the paper mill, the printing press sector and, above all, the mechanics shop.

“He is a very good worker, has good will, is faithful to his duty and to his practices of piety. He is somewhat independent, but substantially he seems to me to be a good Disciple.” These are the words of the Master of the group of that time, which portray well the person of Bro. Candido. He was a practical man, inclined to concreteness under every aspect. He lived the religious life in a linear way, according to what he had learned. It was not certainly in his character to lose himself in whatever lucubrations.

His activity in the Motherhouse where he remained until 1971 took place above all in the mechanics shop and as in-charge of the boilers. By natural talent he was inclined to mechanics and hydraulics. And his presence was providential in the big house, where the persons were many in number and the apostolic activities were in rapid expansion. The breakdowns of various kind and the maintenance needs were frequent and the person to refer to was Bro. Candido who faced matters professionally and with competence, visibly jealous of his work.

Perhaps you could judge him as brusque externally, also due to a certain instinctive frankness of his, but then, knowing him, we find ourselves in the presence of a sociable brother, generous and sensitive, ready to help anybody at any moment and necessity, without exceptions.

Maintenance works and various services were his occupation even in the community of Turin, where he came in 1971. He remained vividly active until the decline of his strength and the deterioration of his health appeared, and his transfer to the infirmary of Alba in July of this year was necessary.

May this beloved Disciple enjoy now the embrace of the divine Master and of the Blessed Virgin of the Rosary! May he intercede for the needs of the Church and of the Congregation, while we accompany him with our fraternal prayers of Christian suffrage.

Rome, 7 October 2009

Fr. Giuliano Saredi

His funeral will take place tomorrow, Thursday 8 October, at 10.30 a.m., in the Temple of Saint Paul in Alba. His body will be transported to Morgano, the town of his birth, where – after a funeral celebration scheduled at 4 p.m. – it will be buried in the local cemetery.

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