

SOCIETÀ SAN PAOLO  
il segretario generale



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

(Fr. Alberione)

At 10 p.m. (local time) of 7 May 2009, at the Carmel Richmond Nursing Home of Staten Island (New York, United States), our brother Disciple of the Divine Master has returned to the Father.

### **BRO. FRANK MARION SANTORO**

*87 years, 59 of Pauline life, 57 of religious profession*

They were two hours before making his 88th birthday when the Lord has called Bro. Marion to be forever with Him, as promised in the Gospel passage of the Liturgy of the Word of yesterday. Bro. Marion Frank, son of Vito Santoro and of Mary Cutrone, was born on 8 May 1921 in Brooklyn (New York).

He entered to become part of the Society of Saint Paul as a postulant in September of 1949 at Staten Island, was admitted to the novitiate the following year, in the community of Canfield, where he made his first profession on 9 September 1951, assuming the name of Marion. He consecrated himself definitively to the Lord five years later, at Staten Island, on 9 September 1956.

Before entering the Society of Saint Paul, Frank had been enlisted in the U.S. army and had seen action during the Second World War in the European and Pacific operations, from 1943 to 1946, as a corporal. After his military service, he attended Columbia University and obtained a degree in Fine Arts. In his life as a religious, painting, sculpture and photography will always remain as his special passion and a talent to be made fruitful.

After his first profession, Bro. Marion was destined to the Community of Staten Island with tasks in the graphic and linotype departments. His ease in relating with persons induced his superiors to involve him quickly in vocation promotion and, in prospect, as guide and assistant of the young men in formation. From 1962 to 1964, he was assigned to the Provincial House in Brookline (Massachusetts) where he continued his work in vocation promotion and dedicated himself to pioneering efforts involving Saint Paul in cinematographic distribution and *film education*.

From 1964 to 1970 Bro. Marion exercised his apostolate in the community of Dearborn (Michigan). His familiarity with the selection and promotion of films made it such that this sector of the mass media apostolate of the Province became the principal apostolate for the Community. In 1970 he was called to put to fruition his competence and apostolic experience as teacher in the Lyceum of Saint Paul in Derby (New York). In 1981 he returned to Staten Island to apply his ability in graphics in the designing of book covers and material for our editions.

His natural benevolence and ease in relations, distinctive elements of his character, has made Bro. Marion open to everybody, inside and outside the community. His ardent desire to express the charity of Christ to every person he met, in very diverse circumstances and at any hour of the day or night, was a distinctive trait of his personality. His enthusiasm and love for our charism and for the apostolate of the Congregation was contagious and attracted appreciation for the actuality of our mission. And lastly, but not less important, we should not keep silent that the imprint of an ever-present smile on his face will identify the memory of this caring confrere.

Let us accompany Bro. Marion with our prayers of suffrage and entrust to him the needs of the United States Province and of the development of the Pauline apostolate in the American continent.

*Rome, 9 May 2009*

*Bro. Lorenzo Vezzani*

*His funeral will be held in the Chapel of the Community at Staten Island, Tuesday 12 May, at 10.30 a.m..His remains will be interred in Resurrection Cemetery of the same city.*

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