



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

(Fr. Alberione)

Today our brother Disciple of the Divine Master has returned to the Father.

BRO. GIUSEPPE ROSARIO SCARNATO
82 years, 66 of Pauline life, 63 of religious profession

Suffering for some time, death for him has arrived at 3:30 p.m. today, 14 August 2009, in “San Giuseppe” hospital of Albano Laziale, where he had been admitted following renal failure and cardiac complications.

The face of Bro. Rosario has been familiar for many in the Congregation, in the Pauline Family and outside. In fact, due to his long stay in Casa Divin Maestro of Ariccia dedicated to porter and telephone center service, he became a point of encounter and reception for all who pass by during those years – from November 1986 to December 1997 – the house for courses of spiritual exercises, conventions and meetings, chapters, etc. For everybody he has warm and cordial words, encouraging if needed, often interspersed with phrases and reminiscences of the Spanish language learned in Latin America. In fact, his mission in this continent ran through the greater part of his life.

Born in Cariati (Cosenza, Italy) on 15 October 1926, Giuseppe entered the Society of Saint Paul in the seminary of Catania on 22 August 1942, at age fifteen. The stages of his formation took place between Catania (1942-1944) and Alba (1944-1950), doing various tasks: printing machines, sacristan, Cooperators’ Office. He made his first religious profession in Alba on 8 September 1945 and prepared himself for definitive consecration to the Lord which however took place in Bogotá, Colombia, on 8 September 1950, where the Primo Maestro had sent him to take care of the bookstore launched not long ago, a first seed of a promising tree and start of an intense activity that will take Bro. Rosario to various nations in the Latin-American continent.

He was first in Venezuela with Fr. Francesco Siritto (who died in 1997) to start in that country the Society of Saint Paul. They arrived there on 11 December 1951. And within a few months a small bookstore in Caracas was functioning (1951-1955). Subsequently, Bro. Rosario kept apostolic relations going in the country of Colombia through propaganda and support of the bookstore in Bogotá until 1960; then he worked in Florida (Buenos Aires), Argentina, and again in Caracas in the respective bookstores (1960-1969).

We find him some years after in Bogotá for propaganda work and the bookstore (1973-1984); later, in the bookstore of Santiago de Chile (1985-1986) and, finally, in Portoviejo (1998-2001), in Ecuador, as consultant for the bookstore and bursar, after having been in Italy in the bookstore in Rome/Via della Conciliazione (1969-1973) and in Ariccia, as mentioned above.

Being an active and enterprising person, Bro. Rosario let himself be carried tenaciously by enthusiasm for the Pauline mission that he always had at heart, just as he always had at heart the Latin-American continent. His ability to weave rapport, elegant language, subtle irony and sometimes shrewdly evasive discourse made pleasing his company.

He has spent his last years in Casa “Don Alberione” of Albano Laziale, making himself available for porter service until he could; then, physical decline and, today, the epilogue in the hospital of “San Giuseppe”.

We entrust to our dear Bro. Rosario the needs of the Congregation, above all of the countries and Pauline houses that have been the field of his apostolate and beneficiaries of the gift of his best energies. On our part, we accompany him with our fraternal prayers of suffrage, so that he may enjoy in God relief after hard toil, life after death and eternal rest.

Rome, 14 August 2009

Fr. Giuliano Saredi

His funeral will take place on Sunday 16 August at 4 p.m., in the Chapel of the Hospital “Regina Apostolorum” of Albano Laziale. – His body will be transported to Cariati (Cosenza), to be buried in his family’s tomb.

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