



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

(Fr. Alberione)

At 11,15 yesterday morning, in the hospital Leforte in São Paulo (Brazil), following a sudden illness, the Divine Master has called to his eternal reward our brother Disciple

ÉLBIO RODRIGUES DIAS (Br. Juvenal)
79 years, 59 of Pauline life, 53 of religious profession

Élbio Rodrigues Dias was born on 4 November 1931, of Etelvina Dias Medina and Pedro Rodrigues dos Santos, in Jequitinhonha, a city of miners in the state of Minas Gerais (Brazil). He received baptism on the solemnity of Christmas on 25 December 1931, in the parish of São Miguel de Jequitinhonha, in the diocese of Arassuaí. On the feast of the Immaculate Conception, on 8 December 1938, he received his first communion. He received confirmation on 10 July 1932.

Élbio entered the Congregation at the age of 21 years on 30 April 1952, at Rua Major Maragliano, in the quarter of Vila Mariana in São Paulo. In this house he lived the first Pauline formative stages of the aspirantship, the postulanship and the novitiate (10 February 1956 – 10 February 1958). He made his first religious profession in the community of Cidade Paulina, on 11 February 1958. He then lived the stage of the juniorate in the community of Caxias do Sul, in the Rio Grande del Sud, concluding it with his perpetual profession on 1 May 1963 and assuming on that circumstance the name of Juvenal.

After his perpetual profession, “Frei Juvenal,” as he was called, soon lent his apostolic service in the bookstores of Rio de Janeiro (1963-1973), São Paulo (1973-1986, residing in Cidade Paulina) and again in Rio de Janeiro (1988-1995). From 1995 we find him in the community of São Paulo (Provincial House), committed successively in the administration of the periodicals, in the revision of the books, as coordinator of *Bíblia Gente*, working in the bursar’s office and in the Conference of the Religious of Brazil.

Due to health problems that have turned up, he passed on to, starting 2009, the infirmary in Cidade Paulina. In his last days the recovery of Frei Juvenal was rendered necessary in the unit of intensive therapy in the hospital of Leforte, where he then passed away following an acute miocardiac infarction.

We entrust our confrere, who has fought the good battle of faith and has finished the course keeping the faith (cf 2Tim 4,6), to the Divine Master, for whom he has spent his life in the Pauline apostolic service, so that he may receive him in the eternal dwellings prepared for his faithful servants. We assure him our prayers of suffrage, while we ask him to intercede before the Lord for the Province of Brazil and for the vocation of the Disciples of the Divine Master.

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Fr. Vincenzo Vitale

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