



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

(Fr. Alberione)

At 7:00 this morning (local time), 19 December 2011, in the community of Catania (Italy), the Divine Master has called to his eternal reward our brother Disciple

BR. SALVATORE GIUSEPPINO LANZA
83 years, 70 of Pauline life, 66 of religious profession

Br. Salvatore came from the lively land of Sicily, wherein he was born on 28 February 1928, in Longi (Messina). He crossed the threshold of the Congregation while still a young man, on 14 June 1941, at the age of 13, in the house of Catania, which at that time was only starting, being founded barely five years prior. In this community Salvatore made his first steps in the Pauline life, with his investiture on 19 March 1943. Then he entered the novitiate in Alba (1944-1945), which he concluded with his first profession of religious vows, having the joy of making it through the hands of blessed Timothy Giaccardo on 2 May 1945. On that occasion he took as his name of profession Giuseppino.

In the same year he returned to the community of Catania, wherein he continued his Pauline formation, ending it with his perpetual profession on 2 May 1950. Catania will remain as the community in which Br. Giuseppino will spend all his life as a Pauline committed in various apostolic tasks: first in the binding department (1945-1948), thereafter in San Paolo Film (1948-1950 and 1952-1973), with an interlude in the bookstore (1950-1952, in Acireale); then he lends his service in the diffusion of the periodicals (1973-1978), and again with San Paolo Film (1978-1991). The last years see him committed in the depository of the DiSP in Catania (from 1994) until his strength has allowed him.

Of ardent and outgoing character, Br. Giuseppino has lived as a true Pauline disciple his long years of life, marked by exemplary fidelity to prayer and to the apostolate and by laboriousness and generosity in spending himself in daily service. Besides this, Br. Giuseppino loved music, animated the prayer of the community while accompanying its singing with the organ and, although he has not had a formal education in music, he composed on his own simple songs for the liturgy.

Now that Br. Giuseppino has fought the good fight, has finished his earthly course (cf 2Tim 4,7) and finds himself together with the “multitude of witnesses” (Heb 12,1) of the Pauline Family in heaven, we entrust him to the kind face of the Divine Master who awaits his faithful servants for the encounter “face to face” (1Cor 13,12). Of him we ask that he intercede for us before the Lord of glory for the needs of the Congregation, in particular for those of the Province of Italy.

Rome, 19 December 2011

Fr. Vincenzo Vitale

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