



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

(Fr. Alberione)

At 10 a.m. today (local time), 29 April 2011, in the hospital Bassini of Cinisello Balsamo, following a worsening of bronchopneumonia, the Divine Master has called to his eternal reward our brother Disciple

BR. MARIO BERNARDO PALMI

82 years, 65 of Pauline life, 63 of religious profession

His health was already undermined for some time by serious respiratory problems. So his recovery in the hospital has become necessary last week, on Good Friday.

Brother Mario was born in Fiume, on 15 December 1928, when the city still belonged to Italy. He enters Saint Paul a little after the end of the war, joining the community of Alba on 20 August 1945. Exactly in that period Fiume was occupied territory: it was not anymore an Italian city but not even had it passed to Yugoslavia. This would have caused some difficulties with the Italian authorities for brother Mario – resolved afterwards – due to his citizenship. After his first years in Alba, in March 1947 he leaves for Rome, where he spends the time of novitiate (in Villa San Giuseppe), at the end of which he makes his first profession on 19 March 1948. Then follow years of formation, always in Rome, that end with his perpetual profession on 19 March 1953.

Thus start for brother Mario the various stages in the communities that see him committed in various technical apostolates: from 1953 to 1970 he lends his service in the rotogravure of Rome, except for a brief parenthesis that sees him committed in Sampaolo film (1958-1960). After Rome it is the turn of Alba: here, in the community of Alba Periodicals, brother Mario carries out his apostolate first in the rotogravure (1970-74) and then in the shipping department (1974-1986). Finally, he lands in the community of Cinisello Balsamo, where he will stay until the last days: first committed in the depository of CEP (Commerciale Edizioni Paoline, then named DISP) and successively in various mansions in the community, until his strength has allowed him.

With brother Mario the Pauline Family in heaven becomes richer with another confrere. Marked by physical suffering in his last years, we entrust him now to the Risen Christ who has become “life-giving spirit” (1Cor 15,45) for all who belong to him. With the Pauline Family in heaven may he intercede for the needs of the Church and of the Congregation, while we accompany him with our fraternal suffrage.

Rome, 29 April 2011

Fr. Vincenzo Vitale

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