



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

(Fr. Alberione)

At 12:15 p.m. today (local time), 5 November, in the infirmary of the community of Rome, our brother Disciple of the Divine Master has returned to the Father.

BRO. AMPELIO LINO BIANCON

81 years, 70 of Pauline life, 64 of religious profession

Bro. Ampelio was born on 13 February 1931 at Rio San Martino (Venice) and has entered the Congregation while still a very young boy, on 20 September 1942, at the height of the war, in the community of Alba. After his novitiate in Rome (1947-1948), he makes here his first profession on 16 September 1948 and, after having completed his formation, his perpetual profession on 8 September 1952.

The life and the commitments of Bro. Ampelio are summarized in a few stages, all imbued with a busy apostolate which the words of the Primo Maestro call to mind about “redemptive work, apostolic work, hard work” (*Abundantes divitiae*, 128): first at the offset in the community of Rome (1952-1958), then at the rotogravure, and at the offset and stereotype at Alba (1958-1975); after a parenthesis of six months at the offset in Kinshasa in 1977, we find him again in the area of Rome, committed in the tasks of mechanic, electrician, carpenter (1977-2007). Since 2007 he was part of the community San Paolo in Rome.

As an expert in technical manual jobs, with notable practical capabilities, he has always lent his service in an exemplary way, with full dedication; even if his human way of dealing at first made him appear brusque, he did not begrudge his contribution for the good progress of the community and the help that was asked of him for the various needs of the house, till his strength have allowed him. His is a testimony made not of so many words but of silence, recollection, tenacious and stubborn work.

Bro. Ampelio has passed away in the infirmary of Rome, where he stayed for a week following problems caused by an ulcer which had led him to a total blockage. Death has caught him suddenly, while he was eating, aided by a confrere who was assisting him.

And now, while we beseech the heavenly Father to grant him his vision “face to face” (1Cor 13,12), and as he is reunited with the Pauline Family already in heaven, we recommend to his intercession the needs of the Congregation and of the Pauline Family and, above all, of the Disciples of the Divine Master.

Rome, 5 November 2012

Fr. Vincenzo Vitale

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(Const. 65 and 65.1)**