



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

(Fr. Alberione)

At 1 p.m. today (local time), 15 June 2012, the Divine Master has called to his eternal reward our brother Priest

FR. ADÉRITO JOAQUÍM LOURENÇO LOURO

79 years, 63 of Pauline life, 56 of religious profession, 49 of priesthood

Fr. Adérito was born on 12 December 1932 in Alcaria (Fundão, Portugal). He entered the Congregation set up in Portugal barely five years past, on 9 December 1948, in the community located at that time in Lumiar (Lisbon). He spent here the time of novitiate, at the end of which he made his first religious profession on 8 September 1955. After his studies in philosophy, in 1958 he left for Italy to study theology there at the Pauline International College in Rome. He made his perpetual profession here on 8 September 1960; after obtaining the baccalaureate at the Pontifical Lateran University, he was ordained priest by Mons. Ettore Cunial on 1 July 1962.

Upon returning to Portugal in 1963, he was destined to the community of Apelação, where he stayed until 1983, holding various offices. Besides teaching the young men and as a teacher of the novices for a year (1976-1977), Fr. Adérito has been committed in redaction for almost his whole life: he had in fact a good aptitude for languages and literature: he knew well, besides his native tongue, Italian, French, Latin and Spanish. He was at first director of the magazine *Família Cristã*, started in Portugal in 1963 together with Fr. Giacomo Giraudo, at the same time committed also in vocation work and acting as superior of the community for two mandates (1972-1975 and 1980-1983). From 1983 to 1998, besides teaching the young men, he was director of the editions in the community of Lisbon. In 1992-1998 he was called to the service of authority as Regional Superior for two mandates (1992-1995 and 1995-1998), with residence in Apelação. He has also been Delegate for the Pauline Institutes of Consecrated Secular Life from 1981 to 1998. After having held the office of Director General of the Apostolate (1999-2002, Lisbon), in 2002 he is transferred to the community of Fatima, where he dedicates himself to the editorial sector (authors' rights, translations, corrections, revisions and then as director of *Liturgia diária*). In 2010 he is transferred to the community of Braga, where he continues to direct *Liturgia diária* and takes care of translations.

Recently he had collaborated in a collective volume on Vatican Council II, where he had been able to give witness to his love for evangelization through social communication and his passion for the biblical apostolate, encouraged respectively by the conciliar decree *Inter mirifica* and by the conciliar constitution *Dei Verbum*. Fr. Adérito had been in fact mainly responsible for the publication of the Bible in Portuguese. He wrote in the volume: «If during my entire academic preparation I have been committed in editorial activity, much more has grown in me since then the desire to continue and boost our apostolate, recognized by the Church. [...] According to my way of seeing, the impulse given by Vatican II is shown in the enthusiasm that all of us continue to feel in actively participating in the realization of the desire of Jesus, who sent his apostles to preach the Good News of Truth and Good throughout the world.»

Fr. Adérito distinguished himself for his constant cheerfulness, his love for music (he played the Portuguese guitar) and his ability to relate well with others. He loved much group conversation and he always had a word of encouragement to give to those who

looked for it. A few months ago he had a traffic accident that weakened him much, worsening his health already tried by diabetes and other problems, until his death on account of heart attack.

We now entrust our brother, through the intercession of Our Lady of Fatima, to the mercy of God the Father and to the kind countenance of the Master, who has promised to his own: “When I shall have gone and prepared a place for you, I shall come again and take you with me, so that where I am you also may be” (Jn 14,4). And in bidding goodbye to him and assuring him of our suffrage, we ask him to intercede for the many needs of the Congregation, in particular for those of the Region of Portugal.

Rome, 15 June 2012

Fr. Vincenzo Vitale

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