



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

(Fr. Alberione)

At 11:37 p.m. (local time) Thursday, 22 November, in the hospital of the Salvation Army in Tokyo, following atrophy due to disuse, our brother of the Divine Master has returned to the Father.

BRO. MATSUO PAOLO CORRADO NAKAMURA
86 years, 62 of Pauline life, 58 of religious profession

Bro. Matsuo was born of Christian parents on 12 November 1926 in Kiyama (Saga) in Japan and has entered the Congregation on 19 March 1950 in Fukuoka, in the young Japanese Province wherein the Pauline presence had begun in 1934. After finishing his novitiate in Tokyo (1953-1954), he has made here his first profession on 19 March 1954 and his perpetual profession on 9 April 1959.

Subsequently Bro. Matsuo has filled various mansions in the span of a very long life: he has been a printing machine operator in the community of Akasaka (1959-1970), he has worked in the sales office of the Catholic weekly in the community of Tokyo at Wakaba (1970-1973), overseer of the printing press in Hachioji (1974-1978); and then again at Wakaba as bursar of publishing (1978-1980), administrator of publishing, provincial bursar, member of the commission of *Katei no Tomo* and sales officer of the magazines (1981-1988); in the following years he is still provincial bursar for three other mandates (from 1988 to 2003), filling also the task of vice-president of publishing (1988-1993). Since 2004 he has carried out his apostolate in the diffusion of the periodicals, until his strength has allowed him.

Full dedication to the Pauline mission in its various expressions and silent industriousness have characterized the life of this brother disciple. Ultimately, his illness had gradually reduced him to inactivity, forcing him to stay in bed; the syndrome of disuse has brought him to death.

We now entrust this our confrere to the Divine Master, the conqueror of death, “who will transform our lowly body to make it conformed to his glorious body” (Phil 3,20), so that he may enjoy heavenly citizenship together with the numerous array of the Pauline Family in heaven and we recommend to his intercession the needs of the Congregation and of the Pauline Family, above all of the Disciples of the Divine Master.

Rome, 24 November 2012

Fr. Vincenzo Vitale

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

His funeral will take place on Sunday 25 November, at 1 p.m. in the community of Tokyo Wakaba.