



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

(Fr. Alberione)

At 10:00 a.m. yesterday (local time), Wednesday 6 February, our brother Priest has returned to the Father.

FR. MARIO MARCELLINO MANCINI

71 years, 60 of Pauline life, 51 of religious profession, 45 of priesthood

Mario was born on 12 March 1941 at Castelmauro (Campobasso, Italy). An only son, on 10 October 1952 he was received in the Society of Saint Paul in Rome. Following the transfer of his family in Brazil, he also reached this country on 15 July 1956, in the community of Rua Major Maragliano in São Paulo. After finishing his novitiate, in which he had as master Fr. Felice Bonicco, he made here his first religious profession on 11 February 1961. He then returned to Rome for theological studies and on 8 September 1965 he made his perpetual profession. He received the presbyteral ordination on 30 June 1967 in the sanctuary of the Queen of Apostles in Rome.

Upon his return to Brazil, he was destined to the service of teaching in Cidade Paulina. From 1969 to 1970 he was master of the disciples and of the adult vocations, from 1971 to 1972 of the major aspirants. After two years (1973-1975) as bursar of the community of Cidade Paulina, he filled the office of provincial bursar from 1975 to 1980, collaborating also in the administration of the bookstores.

Fr. Mario exercised the Pauline apostolic ministry for many years in the radiodiffusion sector (1980-1988 and 1998-2002), both in the radio stations and in the network Paulus Sat, opening the space for the participation of lay collaborators. Because of an illness of Fr. Virgilio Ciaccio, he took up the responsibility of the redaction of the liturgical weekly *O Domingo* (2002-2004). He then exercised his ministry also as parish priest in the parish of Santo Inácio (2004-2008). In 2008 his health began to show the first symptoms of collapse. In his last years he exercised the apostolate of prayer and suffering in the infirmary of Cidade Paulina, lovingly assisted by the confreres of the community.

He celebrated his 25 years of priesthood on 15 August 1992, on the same occasion wherein brother Majorino, who passed away a few days back, celebrated his 50 years of religious life. On this circumstance Fr. Mario adapted the famous phrase of saint Augustine: “For you I am a priest. With you I am a friend.” And truly remaining for us of this brother is the testimony of his love for the Pauline mission and the value that he gave to relations of friendship. Already his formators had noticed: “In his relations with others he is open, cordial, outgoing, delicate and capable of solidarity with all. One stays willingly in his company.”

We now entrust this confrere to the Divine Master, the conqueror of death, “who will transform our lowly body and conform it to his glorious body” (Phil 3,20), so that he may enjoy the heavenly citizenship together with the numerous array of the Pauline Family in heaven. To him we entrust the intercession for the needs of the Congregation and in particular of the Province of Brazil, as we accompany him with our fraternal suffrage.

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