



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

(Fr. Alberione)

At 2 p.m. today (local time), at the “Angeles University Foundation” of Pampanga (Philippines), our brother Priest has returned to the Father.

### **FR. FELINO LUKE QUITALIG**

***69 years, 57 of Pauline life, 47 of religious profession, 43 of priesthood***

Fr. Felino was born in Cutcut (Capas, Tarlac, Philippines) on 16 October 1943. He crossed the threshold of the Society of Saint Paul at a very young age, on 29 June 1956, in the community of Pasay City. After finishing high school, he made his novitiate in Makati (1964-1966) and his first religious profession on 30 June 1966, taking on that occasion the name of profession Luke. He finished his theological studies in the Pauline International College of Rome, where he also made his perpetual profession on 8 September 1969. In Rome he was ordained a priest by Paul VI, together with a good number of Paulines, on 17 May 1970.

Starting from his entrance in the Congregation until his transfer to Rome he was committed in the composing department of the printing press. After his return to the Philippines in 1970, he was formator in college of the seminarians (1970-1977). He was affectionately called “Among,” which in Pampanga language means “Father.” Afterwards he was master of the novices (1978-1981 and at other times in 1999 and in 2003-2006). Subsequently he was Regional Superior of the Philippines from 1981 to 1986. After this service Fr. Felino spends some years abroad as a missionary: first in the United States (1989-1992) and later in Australia (2006). After his return from the United States he was local superior in the formation community of Silang, Cavite (1993-1999), also lending his service as provincial councilor (1995-1999). Finally, he was still for a year master of the novices in San Fernando (Pampanga) in 1999 and from 2003 to 2006, after a pause of a year in Rome (2002-2003) during which he attends the course of formation in charism.

After 2006 he starts retiring from activities because of complications due to hypertension and diabetes. Starting 2009 his health worsens sensibly and Fr. Felino is taken care of by his closest relatives. Ultimately he was also subjected to dialysis, until his death.

The confreres of the Philippines remember him as “Among Quits,” “Fr. Felino,” and as one among the first Filipino Paulines – he was the first Filipino Regional Superior after the term of Fr. Pietro Campus – and a guide during the period in which the Society of Saint Paul Philippines-Macau was laying the foundations for a significant presence in the Philippine Church. He was always ready to answer some need that the moment required, in every aspect of the Pauline life, even for the mission abroad. During the years of his illness the confreres who visited him were edified by the courage with which he faced his condition. The news of his death arrived when numerous members of the Pauline Family were gathered for a conference on Primo Maestro.

We now entrust this our confrere to the Divine Master, so that he may exult in the heavenly liturgy together with the numerous array of the Pauline Family in heaven and enjoy, after tribulation, that “infinite and eternal amount of glory” of which the Apostle speaks (cf 2Cor 4,17). We now entrust to his intercession the needs of the Congregation and in particular those of the Philippines-Macau Province, as we accompany him with our fraternal suffrage.

*Rome, 14 July 2013*

*Fr. Vincenzo Vitale*

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