



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

(Fr. Alberione)

On Sunday, 2 March, at 10 pm, in Holy Family Hospital, Mumbai, the Master called his disciple Br Alex Almeida, ssp to his eternal reward

BR ALEX ALMEIDA

71 years, 49 of Pauline life, 44 of religious profession

Br Alex Almeida was born on 9 September 1942 at Manikpur, in the diocese of Vasai, Maharashtra, India. After completing his high school studies in his home town, he joined the Society of St Paul in Mumbai on 7 July 1964 where he completed his Aspirancy and Postulancy. He made his Novitiate in Allahabad which was followed by his first profession on 16 July 1969. After spending his Juniorate in the community of Mumbai, Br Alex made his Perpetual Profession in the same community on 20 August 1974.

After his perpetual Profession in 1974 he was transferred to the community of Allahabad where he offered his services in the various departments of the printing press. In 1981 he was transferred to the community of New Delhi where he rendered his services in the Book Centre as well as in St Pauls communications. In 1984 he was transferred to the community of Bangalore where he again worked in the printing press. As he was blessed with a divine voice, he encouraged and trained the young candidates to praise and thank the Lord through sacred music. In 1988 he was once again transferred to the community of Allahabad. In this community he carried out his service as the Director of the St Pauls Printing press till 1999.

In 1999 he was transferred again to the community of New Delhi for the second time and worked in the department of St Pauls communications. After the fruitful life in New Delhi for six years, he was transferred to the community of Pune, where he remained for two years carrying out various responsibilities in the house as well as in the Alberione Book Centre. He was transferred to the community of Mumbai for the second time in 2007 until he breathed his last on Sunday 2, March 2014. On 28 February, 2014 he suffered a severe cerebral hemorrhage which eventually brought an end to his life on 2 March 2014.

Br Alex Almeida was imbued with a passion for apostolate of the press. In whichever community he lived, he carried out his apostolate with utmost dedication. He was always a warm and cordial person. He was endowed with jovial nature and a sense of humour which helped him win the hearts of many.

We now entrust this our confrere to the Divine Master, who has looked with love at Br. Alex many years ago, so that he may be able now to «see Him face to face» (1Cor 13,12), together with the numerous array of the Pauline Family in heaven. We ask him, during this third year of preparation for the Centenary, to intercede for the needs of the Congregation and in particular for those of the Province of India - Nigeria - Great Britain - Ireland, as we accompany him with our fraternal suffrage so that he may enjoy eternal rest in God.

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