

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

(Fr. Alberione)

At 11 p.m. yesterday (local time), 13 September in the Community of Alba - Divina Provvidenza, our brother Disciple of the Divine Master has returned to the Father.

BR. GIANCARLO MAGGIORINO MOLLO 69 years, 55 of Pauline life, 49 of religious profession

Br. Giancarlo was born on 4 March 1945 in Sommariva Perno (Cuneo, Italy) and has entered the Congregation on 25 May 1959, in the community of Alba, community in which he would have lived for long years to come.

After having made his novitiate in Ostia Lido (1963-1965), he has made his first religious profession on 20 August 1965. At the end of the years of profession, he has made his perpetual profession on 8 September 1970 in Rome.

From 1970 to 1972 Br. Giancarlo has carried out his service in the community of Bari, working in the bookstore. He has been successively in the community of Modena (1972-1973) and in that of Cinisello Balsamo (1973-1983), committed in the departments of composition and paging. Finally, he has been transferred to the Motherhouse in Alba (1983), where he has remained until his death, constantly carrying out his apostolate in the bookbinding sector. Some months ago he had been diagnosed with a serious tumoral form (leukemia), which has rapidly sapped his strength and has aggravated in the last two months.

Br. Giancarlo is the simple and reserved type of person. He has lived his Pauline life in its essentials and in industrious fidelity. He had always cultivated two interests: music and photography. His confreres who have known him (and for this have nicknamed him as the "maestro") remember him in the service of musical accompaniment of the liturgical celebrations, the majestic organ of the Temple of Saint Paul in Alba sounding. He was particularly happy – and almost jealous – of the instrument when there were concerts and musical exhibitions: in those occasions he personally saw to it to accompany the invited organists to let them know the instrument. Even his passion for photography could be seen well, thanks to his elegant camera with which he made dozens of shots on various occasions and events.

We now entrust Br. Giancarlo to the merciful goodness of the Father and to the kind countenance of the Master who awaits and rewards his faithful servants. In this Centenary year of the birth of the Congregation and of the entire Pauline Family, we ask for his intercession for the Superior General Fr. Silvio Sassi who in the meantime has passed away, and for the needs of the whole Congregation, in particular for the Province of Italy and for the Disciples of the Divine Master.

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Fr. Vincenzo Vitale