

SOCIETÀ SAN PAOLO
Il Segretario generale



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

(Fr. Alberione)

At 1:30 a.m. Tuesday 17 March, in the community “Divina Provvidenza” of Alba, our brother Disciple of the Divine Master has returned to the house of the Father.

BR. NICOLÒ BASILIO BREZZA
93 years, 81 of Pauline life, 74 of profession

Br. Nicolò was born on 17 February 1922 in Caisole, in the island of Cherso (Istria, then part of Italy). Very soon after becoming orphaned of both parents, he was entrusted to an uncle. He entered the Congregation in the community of Alba on 15 September 1933. After finishing his novitiate in Rome (1939-1940), he made here his first religious profession on 21 April 1940 and his perpetual profession on 25 January 1946.

Already during the years of formation he worked principally in the workshop. Then he was committed in the bookstore in Turin (1946-1948) and later on in the propaganda office in Alba (1948 to 1952). Then he passed to Sampaolofilm in Rome, where he remained from 1952 to 1959. From 1959 to 1963 he worked in the bookstore of Milan, to return once more to Sampaolofilm in Rome (1963-1966). Then he set out for the Motherhouse at Alba, where he remained without interruption from 1966 until his death this night. In Alba he was again assigned to the workshop, to maintenance of the cars, to the depository of books (1981-1982) and to various services of the community.

Br. Nicolò was a simple and hard-working man, of not many words, candid in character to the point of brusqueness, but he is always brotherly, always committed in lowly services up to the last moments. As a true disciple of the Divine Master, he cultivated silence and prayer and faithfully lived the Pauline life. In 2010 he had the joy of being able to see again his relatives that remained in Fiume (Croatia), who he had lost contact with for years because of political occurrences in Istria: of his two brothers, one had emigrated soon to Australia and the other, after the war, had returned to Fiume. Historical events and the change of surname (from Brezac to Brezza) had rendered difficult the search on the part of his nephews. But with emotion he was able to return to his native land he had not seen anymore since 1938.

We now entrust this confrere to the Divine Master, who awaits his faithful servants, so that he may exult in the heavenly liturgy together with the numerous array of the Pauline Family in heaven. We entrust to him now intercession for the needs of the Congregation, in particular those of the Province of Italy as we accompany him with our fraternal suffrage so that he may enjoy eternal rest in God.

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Fr. Vincenzo Vitale

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