

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 5 a.m. Friday, 27 February, in the hospital San Giovanni Calibita - Fatebenefratelli of Rome, our brother priest has returned to the house of the Father.

FR. LUIGINO GIUSEPPE MELOTTO

74 years, 62 of Pauline life, 50 of profession and 40 of priesthood

Fr. Luigino was born on 18 February 1941 in Pressana (Verona, Italy). He entered the Congregation at Alba on 2 September 1952. After finishing his novitiae at Ostia (1962-1964), he made in Rome his first religious profession on 20 August 1964 and his perpetual profession on 8 September 1967. In Vicenza, on 8 June 1974, he received the presbyteral ordination from Mons. Dante Battaglierin.

In the same community he taught literature in secondary school from 1971 to 1976 and afterward, until 1990, he promoted vocations. Then he lent service as a spiritual assistant of the Gabrielites for a decade, still residing in the community of Vicenza (1990-1992) and then in those of the Motherhouse at Alba (1992-1999) and Rome Primo Maestro (1999-2000).

Then he returned to the community of Vicenza, dedicating himself here to the spiritual animation of the Pauline Family scattered in the Triveneto and to vocational promotion (2000-2007). Then he filled the office of superior of the community of Florence (2007-2010), dedicating himself even here to the service of spiritual animation, in particular of the lay groups of the Pauline Family: a commitment that has marked all the stages of the life of Fr. Luigino.

Finally, in 2010, he was transferred to Sardinia, in the community of Santa Giusta, always dedicated to an intense activity of spiritual animation at the service of the numerous Pauline Family present in Sardinian territory, besides as delegate of the community.

At the end of November 2014, following an operation of removal of an hypophysial adenoma, he has been stricken with meningitis which has forced him to go through various hospitals (first in Cotugno at Naples, then in Rome at San Giovanni Battista, at San Camillo and lastly at Fatebenefratelli). After some slight signs of recovery, he has worsened suddenly and has passed away in the Fatebenefratelli. Aware of the seriousness of his situation, he has accepted the suffering, repeating on so many occasions: «I offer all».

We now entrust this our confrere to the Divine Master, so that after having made him similar to himself in death and in burial, he may associate him with himself in the glory of the resurrection and make him live in eternal blessedness, together with the numerous array of the Pauline Family in heaven. We ask him for his intercession for the needs of the Congregation, 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).**