

SOCIETY OF ST. PAUL
The Secretary General



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

(Fr. Alberione)

Tuesday of 5 April 2016, at 13:15 (local time) in the *Casa Divin Maestro* of Ariccia (Rome), due to an unexpected cardiac arrest, our bother priest returned to the Father's House

FR. AURELIO PAOLO MARZILLI

86 years, 73 of Pauline life, 66 of religious profession and 57 of priesthood

Fr. Paolo was born in Arce, in the province of Frosinone, on 13 July 1929. He entered in Alba at 13 years on 16 August 1942. After the first years at the Mother House, he received the religious habit in 1948 in Rome and in September of that same year he entered the novitiate in Albano. Here, on 8 September 1949, he pronounced his first vows, which he confirmed perpetually on 8 September 1954 in Rome. The masters of those times recognized in him a sincere attitude and a strong character, which will be useful when he would become a missionary far away from his motherland. On 6 July 1958, finally, he was ordained a priest in the Sanctuary of Mary Queen of the Apostles in Rome by the laying on of hands of Msgr. Ettore Cunial.

The apostolic life of Fr. Marzilli started in Vicenza, where between '59 and '60 he was the master of the young aspirants. The following year he was sent to Allahabad in northern India, working in the press and teaching philosophy to the young Paulines. Here he learned English well, that will serve him when, after a visit to Rome to complete his higher studies (1966-1969), obedience called him to Sydney, Australia in February 1969. Between Sydney and Melbourne Fr. Paolo, also as Superior, would remain there until September 1980. Writing down prickly correspondences with the Superiors General, one can see his bold trait in addressing the economic and community problems, especially related to the strong apostolic growth of that Region in the 70s.

After a year spent in England (1980-1981) and one year in the General House (1981-1982), in 1982 he began his "second youth", when he was called to serve the Congregation and the Universal Church at the central telephone in the Vatican as Person responsible for this important service related to communication. Here he would lend a long and faithful service for about twenty years, as well as with the Sunday ministry alongside with being confessor at the Shrine of the Most Holy Trinity of Vallepietra, not far from Subiaco. He lived his "third youth" finally in Ariccia, in the Divine Master House, where he shared his precious pastoral service to the communities of the Pauline Family in the area and helped in managing this home of ours with strong charismatic flavour.

We now bid adieu to Fr. Paolo with the moving words written to the Superior General, Fr. Renato Perino, by an American lady, who knew him under the Column of Bernini in 1983 on the occasion of her pilgrimage to the Tomb of Peter in order to entrust to God her serious personal problem: «You have a saint among you».

Rome, 6 April 2016

Fr. Stefano Stimamiglio

The funeral will be held on Thursday, 7 April, at 8:30 AM (local time) at the Subcrypt of the Queen of the Apostles Sanctuary in Rome. His mortal remains will then be buried at the Laurentino Cemetery of Rome.

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