

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



On Christmas night, in the community of “Divina Provvidenza” Alba, his earthly pilgrimage was concluded.

BROTHER TARCISIO GIUSEPPE GARZON
78 year old, 66 years of Pauline Life and 58 years of Profession

While the Church was still celebrating the birth of the “Emmanuel” intoning the hymn “*Gloria in Excelsis Deo*” at Alba, Br Giuseppe was entering into eternal life after being ill for a pretty long period of time.

Tarcisio was born at Veronella, in the province of Verona on 2 October 1939 and his parents were Giuseppe and Maria Gionesini. He had a large family as was common in those days. Tarcisio had one sister and six brothers. He was baptized exactly after one week of his birth at the village parish dedicated to Saint Apollinare. He received his confirmation on 21 January 1949 in the same Church. Tarcisio from his young age had shown certain attitude towards religious life that made him to ask to enter among the Paulines in the Mother House, Alba, at the age of twelve. After the initial schooling in the house, he did his two-year Novitiate at Ostia on the Roman coast and which was concluded with his first religious profession on 8 September 1959 taking the name of Giuseppe.

On his return to Alba, he was immediately assigned to the distribution sector of Pauline periodicals, especially *Famiglia Cristiana*, a responsibility which he carried out both before and after his perpetual profession in Rome on 8 September 1964.

A man of decisive character even to the extent being very tough at times, deep in spiritual life which he always cultivated with great care, always generous in the apostolate, Br Giuseppe knew well – as *Gazzetta d’Alba* wrote in 1999 – the positive and negative side of the Italian railway transport system which would almost jeopardize the railway net work, «to perform the weekly *miracle* of reaching punctually *Famiglia Cristiana* in every remote corner of the country». Thanks to many silent and precious apostles like him has accomplished the miracle of this weekly magazine of our Congregation during the last decades, which has faithfully accompanied the Italian Church in the great economic and social transformation of those difficult years.

Brother Garzon will continue to remain in the collective memory of the Italian Province also for the special and intense friendship which he, along

with other Pauline confreres, cultivated with the unforgettable Bishop of Molfetta “don” Tonino Bello, an authentic prophet and visionary of the teaching of Pope Francis, always with an attitude characterized by renunciation of every external sign of power and with constant attention to the least, for which he never lacked material assistance, among the others, also of Br Giuseppe. On account of this special relationship of trust with our confreres, some of the important books of don Tonino were published, even posthumously, by *Edizioni San Paolo*.

Now that this brother of ours has completed his earthly life, let us entrust him to the care of the Holy Family. From heaven he can intercede with the Divine Master for the good of our specific mission, a call to transform ourselves profoundly by the advent of the digital technology, which will help us to reach the joyful message of salvation to all through new and innovative forms.

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The funeral service will be held on 27 December 2017 at 3.00 pm in the Church of St Paul, Alba.

The Circumscription superiors may kindly inform their communities for the prescribed suffrages for the deceased (Cost. 65 – 65.1).