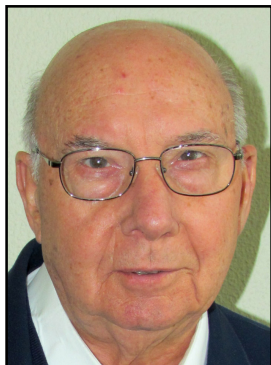


# In the Father's House

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



At 10.00 am on Wednesday, 27 December 2017, due to the worsening of certain cardiac-respiratory complications, returned to the Father's House from a home for the aged, our priest confrere of the Region of Portugal,

**FR ANTÓNIO TIMÓTEO DUARTE NUNES**  
**87 years old, 69 years of Pauline life, 65 years of profession**  
**and 58 years of Priesthood**

Antony was born at Alcaria in the Province of Fundão within the central zone of Portugal, on 26 November 1930. His parents were Antonio and Julieta Nunes and he had three sisters and one brother. His family was profoundly religious and gave to the Church and the Pauline Family one Sister Disciple of the Divine Master and another Pauline priest, don José Bento. He began his elementary education in his own native place and completed it at Covilhã. On 9 December 1948, Antonio entered in the community of Lisbon with the intention of becoming a priest.

In those years our community was in a rented house in Paço do Lumiar. Eventually, the community was transferred to Rua do Lumiar no. 167 in Lisbon. In this house, Fr Antonio began his Pauline apostolate showing himself to be always available, working in the press or in the administration of the house and in the management of the estate of Lumiar, on the way that leads to Lisbon from Odivelas.

He began his Novitiate in Lisbon on 6 September 1951, having Fr Giacomo Giraudo as the Master and as Superior Fr Francesco Saverio Boano who was also the Founder of the first house in Portugal. On 6 September in the following year, he made his First Profession and then left of Rome to pursue his theological studies. He made his perpetual profession on 8 September 1956 and was ordained a priest on 5 July 1959 through the imposition of hands by Mons. Luigi Traglia.

On his return to Portugal, he was asked to take up Pauline vocation animation. After a period of intense activity in the Northern part of the country, in October 1959 he was at Lumiar as the Master of about 40 boys. In the autumn of 1962 the community was transferred to the "Queen of Apostles" farm at Apelação. During the summer in 1963 Fr Antonio was again the Master of the boys and at the same he was helping in the agricultural farm, in the press and in the administration. After a few months, in October 1963, he was transferred to Brazil where in the communities of São Paulo e Cidade Paulina he assumed several responsibilities such as Master, Teacher for about six years and had left a very good impression of himself in the whole province.

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After his return to Portugal in 1969, he was again made Master of the boys in the community of Apelação (1969–1988) and for many years he was the Regional Bursar (1989–1995; 2002–2006); he was also the Director of Administration (1995–1999; 2002–2006). For two years he also lived in the community of Fatima (1999–2000) where he was responsible of the local book centre and the Coordinator of all the book centres of the Region. In 2006 he went to Braga with the responsibility of diffusion (2006–2008) and then as the animator of the community (2008–2011). In May 2011, he returned to Apelação and remained there till his death yesterday. Here he was the Master of the Juniors, Regional Councillor (2015–2017) and for a short period, as the Delegate of the Regional Superior to the community (2015–2016).

Fr Antony was a very generous person, reserved and serious, who had also difficult moments to confront. He always preferred to remain in the second place with regard to the others but without losing his passion for Pauline life in the footsteps of Blessed James Alberione.

Now let us entrust Fr Antony to the goodness of the Divine Master. Together Blessed Alberione and Timoteo Giaccardo, whose name he had taken on his profession, he can now live in the eternal love of God that we contemplate in this holy season of Christmas.

*Rome, 28 December 2017*

*Fr Domenico Soliman, ssp*

*The funeral rites will be held on Thursday 28 December 2017 at 2.30 pm in the parish Church of Apelação and his mortal remains will be laid to rest in the nearby cemetery.*

The circumscription Superiors may kindly inform their communities for the prescribed suffrages (Const. 65 and 65.1).