

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 7:45 AM (local time) of Tuesday, 24 July 2018, in the Guadalajara Community (Mexico) our brother priest has returned to the Father due to liver metastasis,

FATHER JESÚS ESTANISLAO MUÑOZ MEDINA

83 years, 60 of Pauline life, 54 of profession and 48 of priesthood.

He was the dean of the Mexico-Cuba Province, born on 12 March 1935, in San Antonio Villalongin (State of Michoacán), by his father Rafael and mother Gabriela Medina, in a family that had 6 children.

On 13 January 1958, he entered the Community of Mexico City – Taxqueña and on 24 December 1962, he began his novitiate in Mexico City. The following year, precisely on Christmas Day, he made his first religious profession.

In 1966, he left for theological studies in Rome, where he also made his perpetual profession on 8 September 1968. Two years later, he was ordained Deacon (5 April 1970) and the following month, 17 May, a priest by the imposition of hands of Pope Paul VI in St. Peter's Basilica.

In the same year, he returned to the Province of origin and for more than 35 years (until 2006), he would live in the Community of Mexico City, involved in the diffusion apostolate. During this service, Father Jesús collaborated directly with Father Alessio Barbero, one of the first missionaries who gave impetus to the Pauline presence in Mexico, and he also understood the need to write in a simple way to reach everyone: that is why he edited 6 books.

After a period spent at home with the family, in 2012 Father Jesús joined the community of Guadalajara where, the other day, he ended his earthly journey. He spent the last years writing, always available for the ministry, for the confessions and spiritual animation of the aspiring Paulines. He was constantly sought also for his pleasant homilies in which he urged young people to live fully the Pauline charism.

We remember Father Muñoz, as he was commonly called, as a person with a simple faith and a special love for the Virgin Mary. A man always available, with a strong but cordial, generous character. In his way of expressing himself, he maintained that originality and humor typical of simple people. His companions in theology remember him as a true cowboy, able to handle the rope and not only, showing his skills especially during the summer, when he spent a few weeks in our mountain house in Pietracamela (Abruzzo).

Let us now entrust our confrere to the goodness of the Divine Master. Together with Blessed James Alberione and Timothy Giaccardo, he can now live in the Love of God and intercede for the journey of the young people of the Pauline Family, while we are now approaching the Synod of Bishops on young people.

Rome, 26 July 2018

Father Domenico Soliman, ssp

The funeral took place on Wednesday, 25 July at 11:30 AM, in the chapel of the Guadalajara Community. The remains were interred in the Pantheon "Park Funeral Colony" cemetery, at Zapopan Jalisco.

The circumscription Superiors should inform their communities about the prescribed suffrages (Const. 65 and 65.1).