

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 about 5 AM (local time) on 6 August 2018, Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord, the Disciple of the Divine Master died at the Community "Timothy Giaccardo" of Rome

BROTHER PATRICK JOSEPH PAUL WALSH **83 years, 58 of Pauline life, 54 of religious profession**

A life always conducted in utmost confidentiality and a mission accomplished in fidelity and always in obedience to the Superiors. This, in a nutshell, is the synthesis of the existence of Brother Patrick, who suddenly left us without warning signs, probably due to a cardio circulatory arrest.

Patrick was born on 8 September 1934 in Townagh, a small village located in western Ireland and belonging to the diocese of Achonry, by his father Martin and mother Mary. In addition to little Patrick, the family had two other children, a boy and a girl. After his studies, the young Patrick found some occupations for a few years in England and Ireland, until in 1959, at the age of 25, he met the Paulines of the Ballykeeran community, which is now closed, and welcomed the Master's call. He decided to leave everything and, on August 20 of that year, he began his journey of formation. In those early years, the formators found him «very interested in the things of the house and of the apostolate», including propaganda, which he carried out with great passion. Good character helps him to face the new kind of adult life, moreover with the additional effort of having to face the beginning of his formative journey without companions, at least until the stage of the novitiate.

On 30 June 1960, he made the investiture in Ireland, an act that introduced him, just over a year later, to begin his novitiate in Ostia, which ended on 8 September 1963 with the first religious profession, during which he assumed the name of Paul. Back home, formation continued in our homes in England and Ireland. At Ballykeeran, he was responsible for the printing press for several years, before returning for a year to Rome, in 1967, in view of his preparation for perpetual profession, which he emitted in the Eternal City on 8 September 1968.

The apostolic life of Brother Patrick continued for a few years in Ireland, until the Superiors, in January 1975, asked him for obedience and invited him to leave his native land to take over the accounts of the International Bookstore of the *Via della Conciliazione* in Rome. A very delicate and demanding task, both for the great movement (in 1975, for

example, the great Jubilee was called and celebrated, which attracted millions of people to Rome), both, given the time, for the absence of automated technical instruments, which therefore required special attention in administrative management. A task of responsibility and trust, which Brother Patrick carried out for many years with fidelity, diligence and punctuality, attitudes recognized by the confreres who have shared with him that piece of the journey.

In recent years Brother Patrick has been helpful with various community services, one of which, much appreciated, allows us today to have a photographic archive in the General House, worthy of all respect. Together with a confrere, in fact, he spent many months digitizing and indexing an innumerable quantity of vintage photos concerning our history.

Brother Patrick has gone as he has lived: in silence. The eternal reward awaits him as promised by the Divine Master to those who follow him.

Rome, 7 August 2018



*Father Stefano Stimamiglio, ssp
Secretary General*

The funeral of Brother Patrick will take place today, 7 August 2018, at 3 PM in the Sub crypt of the Shrine of Mary Queen of the Apostles in Rome. The body will then be buried in the nearby Laurentino Cemetery.

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