

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 11.40 AM (local time) on 11 September 2018, at the hospital of Los Angeles in Acoxpa (Mexico City) where he had been hospitalized for a month, he returned to the house of the Father, due to diabetes our brother priest

FR. RODOLFO GUILLERMO CIRA SORIA

73 years of age, 55 of Pauline life, 49 of profession and 41 of priesthood.

A jovial and industrious Pauline, who especially in the last years of his life had to face the precariousness of health, showing however inner strength and desire to live, despite being forced to move in a wheelchair.

Rodolfo has lived these human qualities since his childhood in his village, Teremendo (State of Michoacán), just over 250 km from Mexico City, in a hilly area. He was born on 23 June 1945, in a peasant family, the last of five children. On 15 January 1963, he entered the Congregation in the community of México Vocacionario, known as Taxqueña, and in the same community on 7 September 1968 he began the novitiate. He made his first religious profession on 8 September of the following year, assuming the name of Guillermo. He continued his formation in the same community, and was ordained a Priest, in his native parish, on 6 July 1977 by Msgr. Estanislao Alcazar.

After his ordination Fr Rodolfo was transferred to the community of Guadalajara where he served in the apostolate of diffusion (1977-1989) and later was appointed Superior of the community (1989-1992).

In the following years we find him at Guadalajara (1992-1993), at the México Provincial House (1993-1999) as director of lithography Edilux, at Aguascalientes as Superior (1999-2002) and at Coatzacoalcos just over a year. In 2004 the first developed health problems forcing him to a new rhythm of life. After three years in Guadalajara (2004-2007) he was appointed Delegate of two communities: México Provincial House (2007-2013) and Coatzacoalcos (2013-2015). He moved first to Guadalajara and from 2016 to México Casa provincial for further treatment.

In the last few years, Fr Rodolfo spent his life in the ministry, always available for the celebrations of the Eucharist, spiritual direction, confessions and moments of formation, especially Pauline congregations, also nourished by a profound friendship.

A Pauline who lived zealously the apostolate, even that of suffering. He was simple, jovial and always attentive to the needs of community. An optimistic man,

capable of expressing the joy of living and praising the Lord with singing. On one occasion, recalling the beginnings of his vocation, he shared a motive that helped him decide to choose our Congregation: he thought that, taking care of the Paulines of communication, he would have had the opportunity to record many records. Even if this dream did not come true, his life was a praise to the Father. Now Fr Rodolfo sings the mercy of God in heaven. We entrust to him the next Synod of Bishops on the young and the new Pauline generations so that they may express their magnificat to the Trinity with all their life and modern means, and be witnesses of new life.

Let us accompany our confrere with suffrage and entrust him to the Lord; May we rejoice in eternity together with our Blessed James Alberione and the many Paulines now in Eternity.

Rome, September 12, 2018

Don Domenico Soliman, ssp

The funeral was held on Tuesday 12 September at 10.30 am in the chapel of the community of México Vocazionario. The body was led in rest in the Pantheon of the Pauline Family in San Nicolás Tolentino (Mexico City).

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