

# 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 5:00 p.m. on February 18, 2019, in the Vizconte de los Asilos Community of Madrid, our brother Disciple of the Divine Master was called for eternal reward.

## **BROTHER VICENTE RAMÓN HERNÁNDEZ MUÑOZ**

***73 years of age, 58 of Pauline life, 52 of Religious profession.***

Vicente was born on 28 February 1945 in Cabeza de Béjar, a small village in the province of Salamanca, as the third child of the family composed of father Pedro and mother Ramona, farmers, and an elder brother and sister. His parents, who were very religious, had him baptized a few weeks after his birth in the parish church of the village dedicated to the “Purísima Concepción”, the same church where at the age of 11 he also received the sacrament of Confirmation.

Vicente crossed the threshold of the Community of Coslada (Madrid) on October 17, 1960. He was just over 15 years old when he responded to the call to discipleship from the Divine Master. He left home with a small suitcase of clothing and a lot of enthusiasm. After four years of initial formation, from 1964 to 1966, in Coslada, he attended the novitiate, which concluded on September 8 of that year with his first religious profession, in which he took the name Ramón. He consecrated himself in perpetuity on September 8, 1971.

During the years of postulancy and juniorate he attended some high school courses, completing his training with other linguistic and humanistic disciplines. But it was the Pauline mission in the apostolate of “good printing” that attracted the attention of the young Vicente, who served for many years in the printing press, in the offset department, and in the bookstore, as well as, for some time, in home to home propaganda. Immediately after his perpetual profession we find him in the bookshops in Madrid (1971-1972) and in printing houses in Coslada (1972-1973), Zalla (1973-1977) and Las Rozas (1977-1979). He then spent some years in bookshops as Director, in Seville (1979-1983) and again in Las Rozas (1983-1984), before dedicating himself for four years to the pastoral work of vocations to the Pauline life. In the following years he would mainly carry out his apostolate in bookshops, also holding some positions in the service of animation of the Spanish Province – he served as Delegate in Seville for a few months (between 1994 and 1995) and for two terms as Provincial Councillor (1996-2000 and 2012-2016).

Brother Vicente dedicated himself with enthusiasm and generosity to the Pauline apostolate. A simple person, he has always had a friendly approach towards all, confreres and laity, Pauline Cooperators and young people who over the years have approached our communities. He was optimistic, smiling, friendly, always available.

For some years he had to fight with some food addictions that, with the help of doctors and various confreres who have always been very close to him, he

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was able to deal with, until the onset of a form of diabetes that gradually compromised his health. In this journey he also underwent surgery for the implantation of two coronary valves, which allowed him to continue to actively live community life up to the last few months, when his health experienced a progressive decline that ended with myocardial infarction.

Together with the members of the Province of Spain, we entrust all the life and fruitfulness of the Pauline apostolate of Brother Vicente to the Queen of Apostles, to whom he was very devoted, so that the God of all mercy may receive him forever. And in this year of vocation we ask this brother of ours, who has been so committed to pastoral work with young people throughout the Iberian Peninsula, to intercede from heaven with the Lord of the harvest for all vocations in the Church and, in particular, in the Pauline Family.

Rome, 19 February 2019



Father Stefano Stimamiglio, ssp  
Secretary General

*The funeral of Brother Vicente has taken place today, 19 February 2019, at 6:00 p.m. in the chapel of the community of Protasio Gómez (Provincial headquarters) in Madrid. After incineration, his remains will rest in the chapel of the Society of St. Paul at the cemetery of Las Rozas (Madrid).*

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