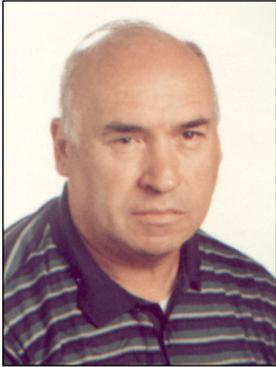


# In the Father's House

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



At approximately 9:00 PM (local time) on Wednesday, 26 June 2019, our brother disciple died in the Timothy Giaccardo Community of Rome, due to heart failure

## **BROTHER ERMANNO ROBERTO CAPORALETTI** *84 years, 71 of Pauline life, 67 of profession*

«I have a young boy, Ermanno, aged 12, brother of Sister Maria of the Daughters of Saint Paul, who wants to join the Society of Saint Paul following the good example of her sister...». These few lines are part of the letter that the parish priest, Father Emilio, wrote to the superior of the Community of Rome on 31 July 1947, to ask, on behalf of his parents, to welcome Ermanno as an aspirant. Three months later Ermanno will arrive in Rome and begin his Pauline journey, while his sister is in the novitiate, showing immediately how appropriate the words that the parish priest himself had added in the letter: a boy «with really a good character».

Good, joyful, cordial, serene ... these are the qualities that Brother Ermanno lived among us, generous and available to the confreres, capable of creating simple and fraternal relationships with a sense of humour.

He was born to a poor family in a small town in the Marche and precisely in Falerone, on 16 October 1934, by father Albino and mother Teresa Gianfelici. He had two sisters, and among them Mary, who will make the first religious profession among the Daughters of St. Paul, but who soon after (1948) died prematurely.

On 19 March 1951, he began his novitiate in Rome, which he completed with his Profession the following year, taking the name of Roberto. On 8 September 1957, he made his religious vows perpetually, again in Rome.

For six years Brother Ermanno or “Brother Capò”, as he was fondly called, remained in Rome engaged in the multiple assignments for the *San Paolo film*, among these also bringing, in the name of Don Alberione, the incentive to take part as extra of the films we produced. He himself played the part of a soldier in the film *La Bibbia*.

In September 1963 he left for Cinisello Balsamo, always engaged in the *San Paolo film*, and in particular in the delivery and collection of 16mm films to the parishes. For 21 years with passion and availability, he will have the opportunity to get to know the different ecclesial realities of Lombardy, always bringing with him the human trait of cordiality.

In 1984, Brother Ermanno arrived in the community in Milan as head of the car fleet and available in the many services of the community, ready to accompany the confreres in the various apostolic commitments, in particular Father Leonardo Zega, then director of *Famiglia Cristiana*. In this Community he will remain there for a long time, until April 2018, when for health reasons he will return to Rome inserted in the Timothy Giaccardo Community.

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His simple life is full of gestures of kindness, of service to the confreres, ready to go, to accompany also many Daughters of St. Paul and Pious Disciples in their respective communities ... generous and ingenious towards those in need.

His apostolate was made up of gestures of attention to people, taking care of relationships with spontaneity, putting the other in the first place and he did not forget the brothers even when it came to visiting them at the cemetery.

We can say that in his own way he lived what Pope Francis called the “culture of encounter”, with cordiality, putting his true passion at the service of others: driving cars! For this reason, a positive person, he was an example also for the younger ones, because speaking of himself, reporting simple episodes of his life, he showed the joy of being a Pauline and spending his life for the apostolate, as he himself wrote on 15 August of 1957 to Don Alberione: «I ask to be admitted to perpetual profession, so that ... I can save so many souls through the publishing apostolate».

We and many members of the Pauline Family are indebted to Brother Ermanno for the love received. We also entrust to him the 20<sup>th</sup> Chapter of the Province of Italy, and the desire to go beyond the door of which St. Paul speaks in the First Letter to the Corinthians (16.9), that is, to glimpse at new opportunities in order to live our mission, guided by the Spirit of the Risen Christ, according to the *Secret of Success*, as we now come to the Solemnity of the Apostle.

*Rome, 27 June 2019*

*Father Domenico Soliman, ssp*

*The funeral will be held on Friday, 28 June at 11.00 am at the Sub-crypt of the Shrine of the Queen of the Apostles in Rome. The body will be buried in the Laurentino cemetery in Rome.*

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