



On the evening of Tuesday, 19 November 2019, our brother died in the community of Canfield (Ohio, United States)

FATHER JEFFREY MICKLER
73 years, 59 of Pauline life, 52 of profession, 45 of priesthood

A Pauline with a smiling, expressive face, with a white beard that made him pleasant. A man full of creativity always at the service of evangelization, especially engaged in the production of videos, from the Mass broadcast on the web to televised religious debates, as a guest on Catholic television (CTNY) in Youngstown. This brother of ours had the gift of being able to communicate with his person, with his warm voice, but also with the frequent use of the image. Known and loved by many people, today he leaves over 600 videos on YouTube, concrete testimony of how much as a "Pauline" he has managed to produce over the years. He was also an executive producer of the award-winning musical CD *Ave Maria* and, among his passions, there is that of photography, especially with subjects of nature.

Jeffrey was born on 13 October 1946 in Youngstown (Ohio) to his father Joseph and mother Elena Bamyak. He was baptized eleven days later in the "Holy Name" parish of Youngstown. His schooling is significant. After starting primary school in Woodside, he continued his studies at the "Immaculate Heart of Mary" school in Austintown (Ohio) for a year. He then attended St. Paul's High School in Derby (New York), a school then supported by our Congregation. He graduated in Philosophy at the Youngstown State University (Ohio) and attended the Masters in Religious Studies at the University of Detroit (Michigan). Finally, he received his Ph.D. in Systematic Theology from Fordham University in New York.

His Pauline life began in 1960 in the community of Derby, where he remained for six years. In 1966, he entered the novitiate at Canfield, making his first profession on 8 September 1967, which he will renew in perpetuity on 6 September 1971 in Dearborn. Finally, on 24 August 1974 he was ordained a priest in the chapel of the Canfield community.

Father Jeffrey worked in various apostolic fields. From 1973 to 1983, he worked in our publishing house *Alba House*. From 1976 to 1980, he was Provincial Councilor and subsequently Superior in the Canfield community (1984-1991). At the end of the mandate for a year, he accompanied the novices as a Master (1991-1992), before being appointed, when the provincial seat was still in Derby, Provincial Superior (1992-1996). From 1997 to 2001, when he was in Canfield, he was Provincial Councilor, and in the following mandate (2001-2005), he held the role of Vicar Provincial. In Canfield, he was also involved in the website and in the magazine *Pastoral Life* as editor (1984-1991). Since 2001, he has been involved in the pastoral care of vocations for

some years. Subsequently he was appointed Superior of the Canfield community (2011-2014) and then Delegate of the same until 2017. For some years he was, finally, Delegate of the Institute Jesus Priest, of the *Annunziatine* and of the *Gabrielini*. Since last September, he was assisting the elderly confreres at Canfield.

This dynamic life of his ended with a sudden death, probably after a severe blow to the head due to a bad fall while descending the external stairs of the community. A surprise that pained the brothers and the many people who knew him.

Father Jeffrey leaves us entrusting to us the human trait of cordiality and, above all, his creative way of living the Pauline mission. We remember him with affection, aware that everything he lived for the Gospel, like Saint Paul. To him we entrust the United States Province, the confreres who work there, renewing the *Secret of Success*, that *Pact* that so involved the work of Blessed Alberione and that he himself, 100 years ago, entrusted to those boys and girls who gave life to the mission of the Pauline Family, also in the United States.

Rome, 22 November 2019

Father Domenico Soliman, ssp

The funeral of Fr. Jeffrey will take place, together with that of Brother Paschal Duesman, on 26 November 2019 at 11 am (local time) in the chapel of the Pauline community of Canfield. The body will then be buried in the cemetery adjacent to the Community.

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