

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)



On the night between Palm Sunday, 5 April, and Holy Week Monday, 6 April, the Disciple of the Divine Master died at the Carmel Richmond Nursing Centre in Staten Island (United States)

BROTHER JOHN ROBERT KEVIN CAHILL
83 years, 64 of Pauline life and 61 of religious profession

John Robert was born on 29 October 1936 in New York City to John and Ruth Whalen. The family is also made up of two sisters, Dolores and Ruthann, and a brother, Philip. At 19, he joined the Society of Saint Paul on 3 September 1955, when he crossed the threshold of our Staten Island community. He lived his novitiate in Canfield, where on 8 September 1958 he made his first religious profession assuming the name "Kevin", as from then on he would be commonly known. On 8 September 1963, he professed his religious vows perpetually in Staten Island, where he remained engaged in typography for five years and where he also took over the direction.

In 1968, when the Province launched into the film apostolate, Brother Kevin together with three other Paulines laid the foundations for Alba House Communications. In those years, some bookshops were also opened in the diocese of Youngstown. In Canfield for a period, he taught religion at St. Michael's high school and started typographic art with a few generations of novices and postulants. Over the years, he attended several specialization courses in subjects such as publishing, communication, educational media, advertising and technology and followed training programs for teachers of religion. Twice he was elected Provincial Councilor. From 1980 to 1988, he was coordinator of formation. At the end of his mandate, in 1988, he was assigned to the marketing department. In recent years, he has opened some bookstores in New York on his initiative, which however will not have much luck, and organized an online marketing system to promote Alba House's books. For some years, he has been sending a weekly newsletter by email.

A somewhat difficult character, prone to a certain form of apostolic individualism, certainly not exempt from the best intentions but which often clashed with the choices of the Province, Brother Kevin during the last period has lived in a nursing home with few contacts with the confreres. On the evening of 5 April, he was apparently well, but the next morning the medical staff found him lifeless in bed. Tested for coronavirus swab, it was positive.

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Father Stefano Stimamiglio, ssp
Secretary General

Brother Kevin's body will be cremated. The ash deposition and funeral will follow at a date and place still to be defined.

Circumscription Superiors inform their communities of the prescribed suffrages (Const. 65 e 65.1).