

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 7:10 AM (local time) on 14 May in Staten Island (New York, United States), the Disciple of the Divine Master surrendered his soul to God

BROTHER PETER IGNATIUS LYNE
75 years, 59 of Pauline life and 55 of religious profession

Peter, of Irish origin, was born on 4 September 1944 in Hoboken (Jersey City), on the other side of the Hudson River, in reference to New York, a few kilometers from the Statue of Liberty. Before joining the Society of Saint Paul at the age of 17 (24 January 1961), he attended St. Cecilia's High School in Kearny. After putting on the habit (20 August 1962) and the novitiate in Canfield, on 8 September 1964, he professed his first religious vows as a disciple of the Divine Master, taking the name of Ignatius.

Cheerful in character, from his youth he showed his creative talents – visible also in the sometimes extravagant clothing he wore – and above all the ability to weave relationships with all the people he met, aspects that will come in very handy when, by now inserted by professed in our communities, he was mainly engaged in the diffusion, marketing and vocational animation sector. He spent the years as a temporary disciple in Staten Island, helping in the diffusion sector and, from 1966 to 1968, also attending a Film Production course at the University of New York. Finally, on 8 September 1969, he professed his perpetual vows in Jersey City's St. Paul's Church.

His desire for continuing education led him over the years to attend sales promotion, advertising and marketing courses at the same university. Skills that were very useful to him, given that for thirty years he engaged, full or part time, precisely in these apostolic sectors. Over time, he organized numerous book exhibitions in the parishes and traveled throughout the nation as a representative of Alba House, the Pauline publishing house of the United States. His jovial character pushed the Superiors, immediately after perpetual profession, to commit him at the same time in the sector of vocation animation. It was in 1988, however, that he was officially appointed as General Coordinator of Formation, a position he held continuously until 2002.

Subsequently, after a 5-month refresher course at St. John's in Colledgeville (Minnesota), we saw him engaged in Staten Island in the marketing sector and as Master of Postulants. In 2012, he was elected Provincial Councilor, while two years later, in 2014, he was sent to Chicago on the occasion of the opening of a new community and an

international bookshop in the city center, designed as a cultural center with a specific focus on biblical formation. In 2016, finally, he returned to Staten Island, where, always with great generosity, he took care of various community services as long as his energies allowed him.

Already suffering from a severe form of diabetes and having recently undergone heart bypass surgery, on 18 March, after being hit by a flu attack, he was tested positive for coronavirus. Admitted to Staten Island University Hospital, a respirator was attached to him, which has helped him in these weeks where, however, his strength had gradually diminished. The isolation in the hospital's Covid ward, however alleviated by the frequent calls of the Staten Island confreres, made him a participant in the flesh of the drama of many men and women who in recent weeks, in all corners of the world, suffer as a result of pandemic and live isolated from the world of affections.

Let us now entrust the sacred history of Brother Peter to the goodness of the Divine Master, because, recalling the liturgy of the word of the day of his departure (Jn 15:9-17), his apostolate of long years would still bear fruit today and this fruit remain in the many people who have had the good fortune, directly or indirectly, met him.

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