

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 3.30 p.m. yesterday, July 13, our confrere passed away at the hospital of Verduno (Cn), due to pneumonia, a condition aggravated by Parkinson's disease,

BROTHER GESUALDO MARCO SANNA

89 years of age, 68 of Pauline life, 62 of religious profession

Gesualdo was born on November 16, 1930, in Simala, a small town not far from Oristano, in a post-war situation, consisting of poverty, where families had to work hard to live. His father Gabriele died when Gesualdo was 11 years old and then it was the turn of his mother Candida Pusceddu to provide for her five children. He was baptized on November 24th in his home parish dedicated to St. Nicholas.

At the age of twenty, he entered the community of Alba, on August 20, 1951, with the clear desire to be a Disciple of the Divine Master. In his letter of introduction, his magnanimity and excitement in embracing our way of life transpire: "I have in my heart a profound desire to join your Family. I have been with this desire for a long time and this year God has given me the opportunity to write these few lines. I write with a trembling heart...". Two of his friends from the village also joined with him in the community.

On September 7, 1955, he began his novitiate in Ostia (Rome), and on September 8, 1957, in Albano Laziale, he made his first Religious profession, assuming the name of Mark. On September 8, 1962, in Rome, he professed his religious vows in perpetuity.

His Pauline mission was carried out in the community of Turin, from 1962 to 2019, especially at the service of his confreres who worked in the dissemination of St. Paul. He was constantly at the service of the confreres and the Pauline Family. His apostolate was lived with a soul full of generosity and humility, a generous and friendly person, was able to transform the ordinary into an extraordinary.

Brother Mark travelled all over Italy together with Fr Emilio Bettati to visit our bookshops and while staying in the communities he loved meeting his confreres. For many years, every day from Turin he went to Alba for various commissions, a commitment through which he lived his apostolic fidelity.

A very simple and friendly person, he made the lifestyle of one who is at the disposal of the Gospel, made himself available to the community, and delighted himself in doing good.

He cultivated reading, he willingly read "I promessi sposi" by Alessandro Manzoni... He had a sensitive heart, a gift that helped him to live for others and to fulfill his vocation as a Disciple of the Divine Master.

For some years now the symptoms of Parkinson's disease have been developing and in 2019, having left the community of Turin, he arrived in the Divine Providence community of Alba for greater assistance.

It is the Gospel of Mathew proclaimed in the Eucharist yesterday, the day of his death, that helps us to grasp the spiritual quality of Brother Mark. He

discovered that he could live as a Pauline apostle in welcoming his confreres and helping in their requirements for the apostolate; for this very reason the teaching of the Master is fully applicable to him: "He who welcomes you welcomes me, and he who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me".

On his 60th anniversary of religious profession, the Superior General, Fr Valdir José De Castro, wrote to him: "You have travelled many miles in your life, always available and at the service of your brothers, ready to embark... to take the Word (Jesus) with you: it is for this that you have left everything".

Now it is the Lord who welcomes him into Paradise, together with Blessed James and Timothy, together with Venerable Brother Andrea M. Borello and the Pauline Family who live eternally the joy of having given their whole life for the Risen One.

Rome, July 14, 2020

Father Domenico Soliman, ssp

The funeral mass will be celebrated tomorrow, Wednesday, July 15, at 9.30 am in the Church of St. Paul at Alba. The body of Brother Mark will be laid to rest in the city Cemetery.

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