

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 10 PM on 4 September 2020 our brother Disciple of the Divine Master died in Madrid (Spain)

BROTHER MATÍAS FRANCISCO MORÁN PÉREZ *76 years, 62 of Pauline life and 56 of profession*

Matías was born on 17 November 1943 in Palacios de la Valduerna, in the autonomous community of Castile and León, to father Ángel and mother Francisca, who gave birth to five children, three boys and two girls. Matías is the fourth in order of appearance on the world stage. He was baptized in the church of Nuestra Señora de la Asunción only a few days after his birth, as was the custom in those days.

His parents, living as farmers in Palacios, emigrated to Vizcaya when their children became adults, in the Basque Country, to find work in industry. Educated to the faith in the family, Matías received the sacrament of Confirmation on 11 December 1960 in San Fernando de Henares (Madrid), three years after joining our community in Coslada (Madrid). It was 10 October 1957, in fact, when he crossed the threshold of our earliest Madrid community. Here he completed his primary studies and some secondary school subjects. Like most of the Disciples of the Divine Master at the time, he soon began to devote himself to manual work in the apostolate, especially in simple printing machines, where he quickly acquired considerable expertise.

He attended the biennial novitiate in the same community of Coslada (Madrid) starting from September 1961. He made his first vows on 8 September 1963, taking the religious name of Francisco. Immediately afterwards he was transferred to the community of Zalla, in the Basque Country, not far from his home, where he lived intense years of formation and apostolate, always in the printing press in simple machines. Finally, he made his perpetual profession on 8 September 1969 in Coslada (Madrid). In his years of formation, already trained in a sober family life, he was appreciated by his brothers and formators for his fidelity to the life of prayer and the seriousness with which he lived the evangelical counsel of poverty.

The Pauline apostolate exercised by Brother Matías has been very diversified over the years and carried out in different communities. From 1969 to 1982, he worked continuously in the 16 mm film distribution sector of *San Paolo* Film, first in Bilbao (1969-1976), then in Madrid (1976-1982). Later we found him for five years in the community of Las Rozas (Madrid), where he dealt with the promotion of the magazine *Familia cristiana* and, until 1995, in Madrid – Protasio Gómez (current Provincial Headquarters) in the shipping office also in *Familia cristiana*.

The time has come to change his apostolate and for three years Brother Matías was transferred to the community of Madrid – Resina (1995-1998),

where he was engaged in building the customer database, the marketing sector. After this assignment, another six years follow, until 2004, in the video distribution department in Madrid. In the rest of the years of his apostolic life, he continued to be deeply involved in the distribution of audio-visual materials and in numerous services, which were requested of him and which he always carried out faithfully and with commitment until, a few years ago, his health began to get worse by forcing him into a wheelchair.

Brother Matías has always shown a strong and determined character, at times perhaps a little impulsive, but always honest and transparent. He called things by name, “bread as bread” and “wine as wine”, without any ambiguity. Always generous in the apostolic tasks he had to carry out, he was appreciated for being a serene and collaborative brother. He loved sports, especially football, and then, as an adult, tennis.

Now that he has attained eternal life, let us invoke the peace and communion that Jesus promises to his followers. We want to entrust to his intercession the preparation of all Paulines for the XI General Chapter of the Society of Saint Paul and the gift of new Pauline vocations, especially of the Disciples of the Divine Master.

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Father Stefano Stimamiglio, ssp
Secretary General

The mortal remains of Brother Matías, after the cremation, will be buried in the cemetery of Las Rozas (Madrid).

The Superiors of Circumscriptions are to inform their communities for the suffrages prescribed (Const. 65 and 65.1).