

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 8:45 AM on Sunday, 4 October, at the “Divine Providence” community in Alba, our brother priest returned to the Father, for complications due to advanced age

FATHER ANTONIO VINCENZO TERGOLINA

87 years, 75 of Pauline life, 69 of profession and 61 of priesthood

Antonio was born, the second of five brothers, in Camposampiero (Padua) on 10 September 1933, in the same town where in 1231 Saint Anthony lived the last period of his life before dying on the outskirts of Padua. Baptized soon after in the parish of Saints Peter and Paul on 23 September, he received the Sacrament of Confirmation at the age of eight, in the Cathedral of Bolzano, since father Arnaldo and mother Armida Smania in the meantime have decided to look for work in that city.

On 19 August 1945, just after the Second World War – and therefore during a very difficult time for Italy –, he entered the community of Alba. On 8 September 1950, he began his novitiate in Albano Laziale (Rome) and exactly one year later he made his first religious vows in the same community. He professed his profession in perpetuity on 8 September 1956 in Rome. Here he was also ordained a priest on 5 July 1959. Before, Antonio had lived a few years in the community of Vicenza as an assistant to the aspirants (1954-1955).

After ordination and until 1985, he was included in the “San Paolo” community of Rome. Here he taught mathematics to aspirants (1959-1969; 1972-1978) and was a professor of Canon Law at the International Theological College (1961-1969), since in 1961 he graduated in Canon Law at the Pontifical Lateran University. With his faint voice, he took care of young people, always looking for their good, a concern that everyone appreciated thanks to his delicate way of living among them.

From 1962 to 1978, he collaborated with the editorial staff of *Edizioni Paoline*, taking care above all of scientific publications, including those of children's editions. In 1972, he finished his university studies with a degree in mathematics. From 1974 to 1978, he was dean of the *Scuola San Paolo*, a school for aspirants but also open to young people in the city of Rome. After this commitment, he was transferred to the community of the Provincial House to devote himself full time in the editorial (1978-1985).

Since 1985, Father Antonio resided in Cinisello Balsamo (Milan), still engaged in the editorial office, an apostolate that sees him involved until 2017, when for health reasons he had to move to the “Divina Provvidenza” community in Alba – the infirmary of *Casa Madre* – where he passed away on 4 October.

There are many Pauline confreres who remember him with admiration for his punctual work in the editorial office. In Cinisello Balsamo, he dealt with the revision of publications concerning spirituality, biographies, liturgy and canon law. He was precise and, when in doubt, he always looked into matters. He also collaborated in the publication of some *San Paolo* Dictionaries.

Father Antonio was a fraternal and simple person, shy in his way of being with others but at the same time respectful of the confreres, always friendly, available even for the small needs of the community. He loved the Pauline life and our apostolate, as well as exercising his Sunday ministry in some parishes of Cinisello Balsamo.

Let us now entrust this beloved brother of ours to the Divine Master, to his love full of mercy. May Blessed James Alberione and the whole Pauline Family welcome him into Heaven and live now in the love that will never end, a gift that God pours into our hearts without measure.

Rome, 5 October 2020

Father Domenico Soliman, ssp

The funeral will take place tomorrow Tuesday, 6 October, at 10:00 AM, at the Church of Saint Paul in Alba. The body will later be buried in the city cemetery.

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