

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 about 10 PM (local time) on 19 October last, our brother priest died at the “Michele e Pietro Ferrero” hospital in Verduno (Cuneo)

FATHER PIETRO LORENZO LINGUANOTTO **87 years, 74 of Pauline life, 66 of profession and 59 of priesthood**

Father Pietro had long suffered from genetic heart disease and incurable vertebral calcification, which caused a progressive reduction in the blood supply to the brain with consequent and increasing risks of ischemia. Struck by a cerebral stroke a few weeks ago and hospitalized near Alba, after a few days in coma, he gave his soul to God.

He was born on 1 May 1933 in Campomolino di Gaiarine, in the province of Treviso, into a very religious family, as his parish priest certified a few days before entering the House, on 12 September 1946. Pietro and his twin sister Stella are the first-born. Two other brothers will follow, Giuseppe and Luciano, and another sister, Luciana. In the years of childhood and early youth, he actively attended Catholic Action and was always present at Sunday Mass as a “puer choralis” and as an altar boy.

He was welcomed by the Pauline community of Sacile (Pordenone), which was closed only a few years later to move to Vicenza. After the very first formation, he entered the novitiate in Rome. Here on 8 September 1954, he made his first vows, taking Lorenzo as his religious name. After years of study in the Eternal City, on 8 September 1958, he perpetually professed his consecration to God in the Society of Saint Paul. On 2 July 1961, together with 15 other confreres, he received the gift of priestly ordination from the vicegerent of the diocese of Rome, Mons. Ettore Cunial.

After a year spent in Rome for a pastoral experience, he moved to Cinisello Balsamo as Master of the young and as mathematics teacher. He would cultivate a passion for numbers throughout his life, as the frequent biblical quotations repeated by heart during his homilies demonstrate, a circumstance that has always struck his audience. But he would spend his natural talent throughout his life especially in the field of administration and personnel management.

In fact, after a brief experience (1968) in Lennep, Germany, and a couple of years spent in Rome for a specialization in Theology at the Pontifical Lateran University, he began to deal permanently with accounting and personnel management. Until 1982, we saw him in the community of Milan, working full time at *Publiepi*, the company that deals with advertising sales for our magazines. Then he moved to Cinisello Balsamo, where he remained uninterrupted until 2019, first as head of the personnel office of some apostolic societies and then, once retired, for the

tax and contribution situations of the confreres in coordination with our offices of Rome. Father Pietro has always been universally recognized as having very strong technical skills, which enabled him to solve any type of problem.

For 50 years, that is, since the foundation of the “Holy Family” parish of Cinisello Balsamo, he has been an assiduous and beloved shepherd of souls. His great charge of humanity and a genuine desire to announce the Good News of the Kingdom to God’s people have led him not only to be very well liked by the parishioners – so much so that at his funeral in Alba there will be a good representation already organized by bus –, but also to develop very ramified personal knowledge, which helped him so much in the daily solution of the numerous technical problems that always arose in his field. In the testimony of the confreres, in fact, the quantity and quality of external contacts he had in the patronages, public offices, hospitals and shops of Cinisello was surprising. Proof of this is the deep emotion reaction felt by his cardiologist when he was informed of the news of his death.

Thanks to an enviable regularity of life – made up of daily walks and a healthy diet, exemplary for us religious – he was able to reach the venerable age of 87. Father Pietro has always been an elegant, affable person, available to carry out his service in all humility. He continued to do his apostolate until several months ago, when the worsening of his health conditions advised him to move him to the Alba infirmary.

We now entrust the future of our mission in this time of profound changes in society to the intercession of this apostle, who in such a wise way was able to unite the Pauline apostolic dimension with the more strictly pastoral one.

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Secretary General

The funeral will be celebrated at the St. Paul Church of Alba on Thursday 22 October at 10 AM. The body will then be transported to Campomolino di Gaiarine (Treviso), where a suffrage Mass will be celebrated on Friday 23 at 10:30 AM. The body will then be brought to the family chapel of the local cemetery.

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