

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 6 PM (local time) on 12 November 2020, our brother priest died in the infirmary of Alba

FATHER ALDO GUIDO PRIMO GOLLO

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

Father Aldo died of consumption after a very long illness, which for years had kept him paralyzed in bed without the ability to speak due to a severe cerebral ischemia that had struck him a few years ago. In any case, he never lacked lucidity and he answered with a nod to the questions of the doctors and the brothers who went to visit him in his room.

He was born in Melazzo (Alessandria, Italy) on 28 August 1932. He entered the Congregation in Alba on 20 August 1945. The war in Italy was over a few weeks ago (Surrender of Caserta, 2 May 1945) and just a few days before his entry, two atomic bombs had wiped out Japan's last resistance, forcing it to surrender. In that dramatic climate he decided, at the age of only 13, that he wanted to serve the cause of the Lord, a purpose in which he will keep faith for all the long years of his existence.

He was immediately destined for the apostolate in the printing press, like all his peers, with whom he lived his initial formation, always encouraged by the Masters who immediately grasp his good nature and great industriousness, together with a poor health. In 1950, he began his novitiate in Albano Laziale, where on 8 September 1951 he made his first religious profession. He continued his studies in Rome, where he lived the perpetual profession (8 September 1956) and the presbyteral ordination (5 July 1959), by the imposition of hands of the Vicegerent of Rome, Mons. Luigi Traglia.

After a year spent in Rome as a teacher, he was transferred to the community of Cinisello Balsamo, where he remained until 1979, first taking care of the formation of the *Discepolini*, then as a teacher of the internal middle school and accountant and, finally, as a local Superior for a term (1976-1979). Another period followed, up to 1990, in the community of Rome-Provincial House as local Bursar, Delegate and, finally, Superior of the community. These are years in which he cared with particular dedication to the needs of all the brothers, in particular the most fragile, with a charity that recalls, in the oral testimony of some confreres, that of the Good Samaritan.

After spending another nine years as Delegate and Bursar in Pescara, he spent a few years in the community of Modena-Cogentio as Superior. The last transfer, this time to Alba, followed in 2004, the community at the beginning of his Pauline life. At *Casa Madre*, he was Rector of the St. Paul Church for a few years, before moving, in 2012, to the adjacent "Divine

Providence” community, used as an infirmary, due to his growing physical ailments.

Father Aldo was not a man who made a lot of talk about himself in his long years among us, embodying in this sense the figure of the religious committed behind the scenes, more accustomed to serving than to being seen. In fact, in the witness of his confreres, he was a man who was always concerned about serving others, oblivious to the inconveniences that this attitude can bring. A man of almost innate charity, stubborn, inherited from mother Marianna and father Paolo. A person always docile even in the long illness, during which he never lost his dignity.

While we invoke the help of the Holy Spirit on the brothers of the communities of Alba, severely affected by four deaths in a few days, on Sister Joseph who, together with the medical staff of the infirmary, lovingly follows the sick confreres, we ask for all of us the same spirit of charity that animated Father Aldo for a lifetime. Charity, which, as Pope Francis says, is the basis of every virtue: *«People can develop certain habits that might appear as moral values: fortitude, sobriety, hard work and similar virtues. Yet if the acts of the various moral virtues are to be rightly directed, one needs to take into account the extent to which they foster openness and union with others. That is made possible by the charity that God infuses. Without charity, we may perhaps possess only apparent virtues, incapable of sustaining life in common»* (Fratelli tutti, no. 91).

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Father Aldo's funeral will be celebrated privately on Saturday 14 November at 9 AM in the Tempio San Paolo in Alba. His body will then be buried in the cemetery of Sessame (Asti).

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