

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 6:30 AM (local time), on 23 November 2020, our brother Disciple of the Divine Master suddenly passed away in the community of the Mother House in Alba (Italy Province)

BROTHER RENATO FRANCESCO GALLO **73 years, 60 of Pauline life and 53 of religious profession**

The community of Alba-Casa Madre, and with it the Province of Italy, was hit by another loss after four of our confreres left us in recent days.

Everyone will miss Brother Renato for his affability, his ability to overcome a natural shyness in order to always welcome with a good word the confreres and people who visited those places, so dear to us and full of memory, “where we all are born”, which he had begun to attend as a young aspirant in 1960. He will be missed by the many young Paulines whom he has met over the years and who began the typographical apostolate, the art of reaching many souls from the enclave of a workshop, that miracle taking place every day before our eyes and that Fr. Alberione sensed as a breath of the Spirit, whose feast we are preparing to celebrate on 26 November.

It is striking in the biography of Brother Renato that, apart from a brief interlude in Ostia for the novitiate (7 September 1965 – 20 August 1967) and in Rome with rotogravure (1978-1984), his entire missionary life was consumed in Alba, in his beloved native places (he was born in Levice, about forty kilometres away, on 6 July 1947), in the Langhe of which he knew every inch. A “sedentary missionary”, a man animated by faith in the Divine Master who wants to reach everyone, also using those “messengers of joy” who spend hours of their day for long years in a linotype, in a perfect binder or in a bookshop, and in Primo Maestro, the one who allowed that dream of God to become reality.

Brother Renato was very promising from his beginnings in the House: the formators immediately outlined the character of a serene young man, always happy with everything, without pretensions, unable to deny a pleasure to anyone, orderly in his things, deeply committed, enthusiastic about his vocation as a disciple, shy and very delicate of soul. Fundamentals that he will maintain and develop throughout his life and which we now glimpse in the light of the definitive fulfilment in Christ the King.

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Father Stefano Stimamiglio, ssp
Secretary General

Brother Renato's funeral will be celebrated privately on Wednesday, 25 November, at 9 AM in the Church of St Paul of Alba. Immediately after, the body will be buried in the city cemetery.

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