

# 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 4:40 PM (local time) on Monday, 17 January 2022, our confrere passed away at the *Comunità San Paolo* in Rome, due to cardio-respiratory failure



## **FATHER QUINTO EFREM BUTANI**

**91 years, 79 of Pauline life, 72 of profession, 65 of priesthood**

Father Quinto was born in Cingoli (Macerata) on 28 January 1930, to parents Americo and Nocelli Delia, the fifth of nine children, five brothers and three sisters. He entered the community of Alba on 9 August 1942. He began his novitiate in Albano Laziale on 8 September 1948 and – on the same date – made his First Profession the following year, taking the name Efrem and made his religious vows in perpetuity in Rome in 1954. He was ordained a priest on 7 July 1957.

He had a sister with the Pious Disciples, Sister Rosanna, and a diocesan priest brother who was part of the Jesus Priest Institute, Father Pacifico.

He began his apostolic journey in Rome in 1957 as a teacher. In 1959, he was transferred to the community of Bari, where he also worked in the printing press as the head, in addition to teaching. In the same community, he also served as Master of aspirants and continued to teach (1962-1965). When he arrived in the community of Francavilla a Mare (Pescara), from 1965 to 1969, he continued to be Master of the young and, from 1970 to 1973, he assumed the service of superior.

In 1973, he was transferred to Rome, where he was still assigned as Master and teacher. It was in 1976 that his life took on a new commitment, when he was appointed Parish Priest of the newly established parish of Mary Queen of Apostles, a position he held until 1985.

After his experience in Rome, he returned to Puglia as bursar of the house in Bari (1985-1986) and later as superior of the community (1986-1989). At the end of this service, he spent a year in the house in Pescara, before beginning a new chapter in his life in the community of Catania, as animator of the Pauline Cooperators, a task that lasted until 1997, the year in which he was transferred to the community in Vicenza, where he remained until 2017. Due to his precarious health, in 2017 he arrived in the infirmary of the community of Rome and remained there permanently.

Father Quinto lived a very active and committed life, especially in the field of formation – accompanying many young people with a “paternal” spirit – and in the animation of the Pauline Cooperators and the Holy Family Institute. His preaching was stimulating and rich and much appreciated; he animated many courses of spiritual exercises organized by the Disciples of the Divine Master. His yearning to work for the good of people is well remembered, especially when he was Parish Priest in Rome and when he made himself available for ministry in some parishes in Vicenza.

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Father Quinto was very fond of his places of origin, his relatives, his people and he was much loved by them. A serene, cordial, affable person, always in a good mood, welcoming to everyone. He was capable of cultivating and maintaining relationships, even with a simple phone call, as remembered by a confrere of the community of Vicenza.

Many will carry in their hearts the good that he sowed, like our Sister Pious Disciple, who lived with him in the same community: «Dearest Father Quinto, thank you from the bottom of my heart for the years we lived together and for the witness you gave me. Your fidelity to prayer, your availability to the ministry, your always attentive service to the community, and your delicateness and attention to us».

The Superior General, Father Valdir José De Castro, in his message for the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood, sent when Father Quinto was still in the community of Vicenza, expressed it as follows: «You lived your Pauline priesthood by serving, for several years, the people of God in the *Regina Apostolorum* Parish in Rome. But there are so many other parishes that you have known through your ministry, and that of St. Paul in Vicenza is only the latest in a long series. How much tenacity for good and how much love for Jesus in the Eucharist, in the wake of Blessed Alberione. I thank you for the good you have sown».

May the Lord receive this dear brother of ours and grant him the peace and joy he has always sought. He will surely intercede for the many people he had known, especially for parishioners of the Queen of Apostles Parish.

Rome, 19 January 2022

Father Vito Spagnolo, ssp

*The funeral will be celebrated today, Wednesday, 19 January, at 3:30 PM, in the Maria Regina degli Apostoli Parish Church in Rome. The body will then be buried in the Laurentino cemetery in Rome.*

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