

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 11:45 AM (local time) yesterday, Friday, 11 February 2022, our confrere passed away in the infirmary of the Rome Complex due to a hepatorenal insufficiency and acute pulmonary edema

BROTHER ALBINO LORENZO BISSA

86 years, 62 of Pauline life, 57 of profession

Brother Albino was born in Ripalta Arpina (Cremona) on 7 May 1935, from parents Giuseppe and Giovanna Freri. He entered the community of Cinisello Balsamo (Milan) on 6 March 1961. He began the two-year Novitiate in Ostia Lido (Rome) on 7 September 1962 and made his first religious Profession in Rome on 20 August 1964, assuming the name of Lorenzo, and perpetual Profession on 8 September 1969.

He lived practically his entire life as a consecrated person in the community of Rome, first engaged in rotogravure editing and then offset, up to when the printing house has not been permanently closed. It started then for Brother Albino the experience of full-time collaboration with Brother Giorgio Agostini – head of the General Services for the entire Roman Complex – dedicating himself mainly to the collection of paper, to the cleaning of outdoor environments and gardening. He was also engaged in other jobs in the service of the community.

He carried out the various apostolates with responsibility, seeking the best in all. Extremely helpful and generous, he was a hard worker, at times neglecting his own health.

A good person, serious, quite shy and reserved, sometimes he might seem a bit rude, but then he showed his kindness and generosity. He loved prayer, available in liturgical animation by singing the songs that he prepared with great care.

In one of his writings, it reads: «I thank God for having created me, made me a Christian, called to religious life and to have made me persevere until death. I look forward to die in the holy, Catholic, apostolic, Roman Church, and in the profession of all the truths it teaches. May God use his mercy towards me during my life, but especially at the hour of my death».

The Superior General, Fr Valdir José De Castro, on the very occasion of the *World Day of the Sick*, visited the brothers who were hospitalized in the infirmary and, just moments before his death, he gave the blessing to Brother Albino, who had received the Sacrament of the Sick the day before.

He died on the day of the memory of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Lourdes, which, like Bernadette, also reminds our brother Albino: «I do not promise to make you happy in this world but in the next».

May the Lord welcome this dear brother of ours to Paradise and grant him «to participate in the eternal banquet» in Heaven, as the liturgical prayer

recalls of yesterday. May Brother Albino intercede for vocations to the Brotherhood and to the Priesthood in the Society of Saint Paul and for every vocation in the Pauline Family.

Rome, 12 February 2022

Father Vito Spagnolo, ssp

The funeral will be celebrated on Saturday, 12 February, at 3:30 PM, in the sub crypt of the Shrine of the Queen of the Apostles. The body will then be buried in the cemetery of his village of origin, in Ripalta Arpina (Cremona).

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