

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 8:00 AM yesterday (local time), Sunday, 20 February 2022, our confrere died in the infirmary of the “Divine Providence” community in Alba, due to respiratory failure,

BROTHER ESILIO DOMENICO MORO **92 years, 74 of Pauline life, 71 of profession**

Brother Moro was born in Cassola (Vicenza) on 22 May 1929, to parents Andrea and Angela Frigo, the fifth of six children, five brothers and a sister. He entered the Community of Alba on 15 August 1947. He began his Novitiate in Rome on 18 March 1949, made his First Profession on 19 March of the following year, assuming the name of Domenico, and professed religious vows in perpetuity in Rome on 8 September 1955.

He began his path of apostolic commitment at the *Rotocalco* in Alba in 1955. In 1956, he was transferred to the community of Cinisello Balsamo (Milan) to operate on different printing machines, an apostolic post which he would then continue in Francavilla a Mare (Chieti), where he remained from 1964 until 1972, in Vicenza from 1972 to 1976 and, finally, in Cinisello Balsamo from 1976 to 1982. In the same year, he returned to the community of Vicenza with the task of taking care of the garden and orchard. In 2017, due to respiratory problems, he was transferred to the infirmary of the “Divine Providence” community in Alba.

Brother Moro was a very simple person and a lover of poverty. In fact, recalls a brother who lived with him when he was in Vicenza, «he spent money only on things that concerned the garden; he did not spend a cent on himself and the money he received for his birthday or from other people, he put in a Bible that in due time one who is in-charge would take and make it available for the needs of the community».

A genuine sense of availability with everyone emerged from him, which was transformed into welcome, the desire to joke with simplicity with the confreres, but also to tell and share what he did every day. He was often seen, when he was in the community in Vicenza, with friends who came to visit him: he himself invited them, an opportunity to give some vegetables. His daily life was full of simple gestures and for this reason he was happy, serene, for in him there was a particular love for the community. He also learned these traits in his family, a peasant family, which he eagerly went to visit when he could.

A tireless brother, generous and at the same time a man of prayer, because early in the morning he was already in the chapel. He loved reading, especially our magazines. He followed the various catechesis of Radio Maria and also listened to information and formation programs on other radio stations.

He knew how to give simple and concrete advice, always starting from what he had lived, as if to a confrere who had to be transferred from the

community: on that occasion, he had spoken to him about how important obedience had been in his experience, happy to have lived the several transfers in various communities.

The Superior General, Fr Valdir José De Castro, in his message of good wishes for the 70th anniversary of religious profession in 2020, recalls some beautiful features of Brother Domenico's Pauline mission: «How many books printed, how much passion in carrying out the Pauline apostolate in several communities in Italy... But also how much joyful availability and passion in contributing to the good of the communities...».

May the Lord bless this dear brother of ours, Disciple of the Divine Master, and grant him the peace and joy he has always sought in relationships with everyone. His intense and full life lived for the good of others is now a true witness for us all. Blessed James Alberione and the venerable brother Andrea Borello certainly welcome him to Heaven, together with the whole Pauline Family, since with them he shared the longing of St. Paul: «I do everything for the Gospel».

Rome, 21 February 2022

Father Vito Spagnolo, ssp

The funeral will be celebrated tomorrow, Tuesday, 22 February, at 9.30 AM, in the Church of Saint Paul in Alba. The body will then be buried in the cemetery of Alba.

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