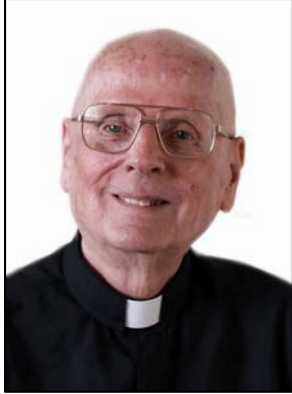


In the Father's House

«As we have been united
in the profession of the faith,
so let us keep ourselves united
in suffrage and intercession».
(Fr. Alberione)



At 4:30 AM (local time) yesterday, Tuesday, 22 February 2022, our brother priest passed away at Mercy Health - St. Elizabeth Hospital in Boardman (Ohio, United States), due to respiratory problems

FATHER CHARLES EDMUND LANE

87 years, 63 of Pauline life, 61 of profession, 57 of priesthood

Father Edmund was born in Taos (New Mexico, United States) on 12 December 1934, to parents Charles and Alice Michaud, the first of four children, a brother and two sisters. He entered the community of Canfield on 11 January 1959. In the same community, he began his Novitiate on 7 September 1959 and made his First Profession on 8 September of the following year, taking the name of Edmund, and Perpetual Profession on 8 September 1963 in Rome, where he was ordained a priest on 30 June 1964.

Father Edmund began his apostolic adventure in the Staten Island community in 1965 as the Editorial Director of our Alba Publishing House – a commitment that he will carry on for more than thirty years –, Director of the local bookstore and Master of postulants and juniors. In 1973, he was transferred to the community of Dearborn with the position of Superior, continuing his apostolic commitment in the publishing house, in the bookshop and overseeing the diffusion in various parishes. In 1979, we find him in the Canfield community of which he will be Superior the following year. With him, the collaboration started with the Diocese of Youngstown for the Catholic Television Network. In 1983, he returned to Staten Island, always involved in the publishing house. From 2006 to 2010, he was Vicar Provincial.

One aspect of Father Edmund's life was his routine. The day started very early, at 4:00 in the morning, celebrating Mass alone. Immediately afterwards, he took care of the emails and news concerning the Congregation. This appointment made him very well informed and ready to inform the confreres at the beginning of the community Mass.

Also interesting were his homilies – prepared well in advance – which, as many people recall, were “direct”, without many comments.

A year ago, in the month of June, Father Edmund had repeated falls with serious consequences to his head. Hospitalized in July, he never returned to the community.

Considering all his commitment in the editorial field, we can recall when Blessed Alberione told us about this apostolate and that we read in the *Agenda Paolina* of yesterday, 22 February: «Let people understand that the reading of the Holy Books is important and recommended by the Church, because they are God's writings for everyone and everyone needs them... Everyone can find something good in the Holy Books in order to help them become better».

May the Lord welcome and grant eternal peace to this dear brother of ours. May he now intercede with the Divine Master for the quality and

effectiveness of the Pauline editorial activities in the world and so that there would be young people who would discover the beauty of our mission, also in the United States.

Rome, 23 February 2022

Father Vito Spagnolo, ssp

The funeral will be celebrated on Saturday, 26 February, at 11:00 AM, in the Canfield community chapel. The body will then be buried in the local community cemetery.

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