

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) on 6 November 2020, our brother priest died in the Verduno hospital (Cuneo, Italy) because of a respiratory crisis caused by a Covid-19 infection

FATHER ORLANDO DOMENICO ZAMBELLO
87 years, 72 of Pauline life, 66 of profession and 60 of priesthood

Hospitalized following very serious respiratory difficulties that suddenly occurred after contracting the coronavirus at the end of October, Father Orlando fought hard against the consequences of the infection, but had to give up in the face of the overall worsening of vital functions, which in the end caused his death.

The name of Father Zambello is linked in a double way to the periodical *La Domenica*, a Sunday leaflet widespread in parishes and religious communities throughout Italy, which has practically never known the crisis that for some years has involved all the other periodicals, not just religious ones.

Orlando was born in Canale d'Isonzo, now located in Slovenia, on 12 October 1933. He was the eldest of three brothers and three sisters, all born in the same country before the consequences of the defeat of Italy in the Second World War and the invasion of the Yugoslav armed forces also forced the Zambello family to enter the lists of the many "Istrian exiles", orphaned of their beloved land by the peace treaties signed with the winning powers. The Istrian exodus – that is, the forced emigration of the majority of citizens of Italian nationality and language from Venezia Giulia, Istria, Kvarner and Dalmatia – will bring Papa Domenico and mother Carolina to move to Porto Legnago, in the province of Verona at the end of the war, where Orlando immediately received the sacrament of Confirmation. It was 22 November 1945.

At the age of 15, he decided to follow the path of religious consecration and entered the Society of Saint Paul in Alba. On 7 September 1948, he thus crossed the gates of the Mother House and entered the lively Pauline community. After his very first formation, on 8 September 1952, taking the paternal name of Domenico as his profession name, he made his first religious vows in Alba, which he confirmed in perpetuity on 8 September 1957 in Rome. The formators expressed themselves satisfactorily on Orlando's human and spiritual growth and underline his regular commitment to piety and spiritual work, nourished by that "right intention" that will make him a religious always engaged at the forefront of the Society of St. Paul apostolic mission. After attending the International Theological College in Via Alessandro Severo, also in the Eternal City, on 3

July 1960, he received priestly ordination by the imposition of hands by Mons. Ettore Cunial.

He lived his first apostolic experience in Modena, where he spent a whole year working in the press. From 1962, he began his commitment in the editorial office of *La Domenica*, a mission that he will carry out uninterruptedly until his death. We find him, therefore, in Rome, where he remained until 1983, first engaged in the subscription office and in the editorial office and then, since 1968, in the direction. In 1970, he obtained a licentiate in liturgical theology from the Pontifical Athenaeum Saint Anselm in Rome. Subsequently, in 1976, he became a freelance journalist.

In 1983, following the reorganization of the liturgical and pastoral editorial offices and their transfer to Alba, he too moved to the then community “*Periodici San Paolo*”, where he continued in his position as Director of *La Domenica* which he held until 1999, when he became Co-Director, always working full-time in the editorial office.

Our Congregation is grateful to Father Zambello for having been one of the major protagonists, through our magazines, in mediating the liturgical reform to the people of God through simple language and proposing for many years very varied liturgical and pastoral comments and insights, very useful to the formation of the faithful. In this, he interpreted the Pauline apostolate literally according to the guidelines left to us by Father Alberione.

His jovial and cheerful character made him for many years a good life partner for the confreres with whom he lived. May the emptiness that he also leaves in their hearts and in those of millions of faithful users of his work be filled now by the consolation of the eternal reward that awaits the disciples of the Lord.

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Father Stefano Stimamiglio, ssp
Secretary General

Father Orlando's funeral will be celebrated on Monday, 9 November, at 9 AM privately in the Tempio San Paolo. 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).