

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 4:00 PM (local time) of Wednesday, 13 April 2022, our brother priest died in the community of Alba Casa Madre due to respiratory failure

FATHER ANGELO STEFANO RODARI

77 years, 65 of Pauline life, 58 of profession, 50 of priesthood

Father Angelo was born in Valbondione (Bergamo) on 27 August 1944, the fifth of six children, four brothers and a sister, from parents Bortolo and Maria-Bona Rodigari. He entered the community of Cinisello Balsamo (Milan) on 13 September 1956. He began the Novitiate in Ostia Lido (Rome) on 7 September 1961; he made his first religious profession on 8 September 1963, assuming the name of Stefano, and professed in perpetuity on 8 September 1969 in Rome. On 26 June 1971, he was ordained a priest in Bergamo by the imposition of the hands of Msgr. Clemente Gaddi.

In 1972, Father Angelo arrived in the community of Turin where he joined the accounting department of the *Commerciale Edizioni Paoline* (now *Diffusione San Paolo*). In 1976, he moved to Alba Mother House to devote himself entirely to the Commercial Data Processing Center. Here he would remain always.

Father Angelo was a simple, good man, dedicated body and soul to the apostolate, with a particular love for prayer and the priestly ministry. He cultivated a profound spiritual life, always available for the ministry in the Pauline Family. From high school, he had been called, on the recommendation of Father Giuseppe Zilli, director of *Famiglia Cristiana*, together with three other confreres, to study computer science for the subscription office, then installing the first IBM programs. When he lived in a community in Turin, he attended the high professionalism school of FIAT, demonstrating great aptitude and ability in this field, a true vocation that he has cultivated throughout his life, making enormous contributions to the computerization of accounting, administration and distribution of the books sector.

He was a man of culture, especially in the mathematical and philosophical field, “the man of change”, open and attentive to the innovations that technology presented from time to time to make the best use of it in the apostolate, always with the eyes to the future.

How many trips did he make to inform and form the staff of the warehouses and bookstores, both the Pauline confreres and Sisters, related to the novelties of computer systems. He often combined these commitments, especially in the case of the Daughters of St. Paul, with days of retreat, making himself well liked.

He devoted a large part of his time to relationships with lay staff and was therefore very loved because he knew how to listen and give attention and esteem to everyone. Behind the codes of the customers that he treated every day via the computer, for him they were faces that in most cases he knew

personally, often with particular situations that he carried in his heart and in prayer.

The Superior General, Fr Valdir José De Castro, summarized his person well in the message sent to him on the occasion of his 50th anniversary of priesthood: «You gave yourself without sparing anything in the apostolate and made generosity your flagship. As well as you have dedicated yourself to the priestly ministry with great dedication, in the community as well as in the houses of our Pauline sisters».

May the Lord welcome this brother of ours, who passed away precisely in Holy Week, close to the Feast of the Resurrection. In today's Gospel we read these words of Jesus: «I will make the Passover with my disciples» (Mt 26:18), which we believe were fulfilled in its fullness also for Father Angelo. Welcomed by Mary Queen of the Apostles and by Blessed James Alberione, he now delights in the joy and peace reserved for faithful servants.

Rome, 13 April 2022

Father Vito Spagnolo, ssp

The funeral will be celebrated on Tuesday, 19 April, at 3:30 PM, in the Church of Saint Paul in Alba. The body will be buried in the city cemetery.

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