

# 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 9:30 PM (local time) on 27 July 2020, our brother of the community "Timoteo Giaccardo" died at the Umberto I hospital in Rome, due to severe pneumonia



## **FATHER ANTONIO GIOVANNI UGENTI**

**74 years, 63 of Pauline life, 55 of profession, 47 of priesthood**

A dynamic person, full of initiatives and enthusiasm, apostolically proactive with 102 different types of publications. Father Antonio loved to interview, write, document facts and people, spread our spirituality. As a journalist for three years he worked at the "Propaganda fide" Congregation as director of the "Fides" news agency (1992-1995). Even earlier he wrote for the Pauline magazines "Pastoral Life", "Mother of God" and "The Pauline Cooperator" (1973-1985). He taught religion in three high schools in Rome (1988-1991 and 1998-2000) and for four years he worked at the Pontifical Council for Culture (1984-1988). From 2004 to 2008 he was chaplain at the Pomezia (Rome) office of the La Sapienza University. There was in him the desire to live like Saint Paul, that is, embodying the love for the Pauline apostolate.

Antonio was born on 25 August 1945 in Toritto (Bari) to mother Teresa Sivilli and father Francesco. A simple family where the five children, thanks to the love of their parents, grew up in a context of simple and genuine faith.

On 25 October 1956 he left Grumo Appula (Bari), the town where he lives, and entered the community of Bari. Here he remained for two years, before continuing his vocational journey in the community of Rome and, then, on 7 September 1962, the novitiate in Ostia. On 20 August 1964, taking the name of Giovanni, he made his first religious profession, which he confirmed perpetually on 8 September 1972. On 6 May 1973 he was ordained deacon and, on the following 28 June at Grumo Appula (Bari), he was ordained priest by the imposition of the hands of Msgr. Michele Mincuzzi.

His first commitment after ordination was the animation of the Institute of Jesus Priest and of the Institute of the Holy Family (1973-1975) together with Fr. Stefano Lamera. Two years followed in the Vicenza community (1975-1977) as Master and teacher of the aspirants. During that time he also collaborated with some local newspapers. He was then sent to the community of Casa Madre in Alba to write books (1977-1978).

Rome, however, is the city where he spent the rest of his life. From 1978 until today his commitments lead him to be present in many ecclesial and civil realities. To the aforementioned activities we can add his collaboration with Card. Colasuonno as director of his secretariat. It is in this period that Father Antonio also collaborated in the animation of the Pauline Cooperators (2000-2007). Finally, in the last period of his life for ten years he devoted himself to ministry and preaching.

Since 2018, increasingly debilitated, he has been part of the "Timoteo Giaccardo" community in Rome, a community used as an infirmary. Last March

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he was found positive for Covid-19 and since then some complications have arisen that have further compromised his health. A few weeks before his death he was unable to eat independently. On Saturday 18 July, during the visit of the Superior General, Fr. Valdir José De Castro, only with difficulty did he manage to pray the our Father.

May the Divine Master welcome Father Antonio in heaven. May everything that he has lived whether it is the seed planted or the yeast mixed with flour, combined with the mercy of the Lord, bear fruit for the benefit of the people of God and the Pauline Family.

*Rome, 28 July 2020*

*Father Domenico Soliman, ssp*

*The funeral will be celebrated on Thursday 30 July at 9:00 AM in the sub-crypt of the Maria Regina degli Apostoli Sanctuary. Father Antonio's body will subsequently be buried in the family tomb of the city cemetery of Grumo Appula (Bari).*

The Circumscription Superiors inform their communities of the prescribed suffrages (Const. 65 and 65.1)