

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 6:00 PM (local time) yesterday, Tuesday, 11 January 2022, our confrere died in the infirmary of the Rome Community due to severe pneumonia

FATHER UMBERTO ADRIANO GORGOGLIONE **92 years, 79 of Pauline life, 71 of profession and 64 of priesthood**

Father Umberto was born in Colobrarò (Matera) on 7 October 1929, from his parents Salvatore and Concetta Giordano. He entered the community of Rome on 3 September 1942. He began the Novitiate in Albano Laziale on 8 September 1949, and – on the same date – made his First Profession the following year and Perpetual Profession in Rome in 1954. He was ordained a priest on 7 July 1957.

He began his apostolic journey in the field of editing and teaching in Rome. In 1961, he was appointed Superior in the house in Pescara, where he remained until 1964. He was then transferred to France in the community of Arpajon, always with the position of Superior. Father Luigi Zanoni, then Superior General, in a letter dated 5 July 1970, wrote to him at the end of his mandate: «Your being Superior has given a beneficial change to the house of Arpajon. The economy has been stabilized, the editions have been developed, the bookstore has been improved, good relations have been established with the Daughters of St. Paul».

In 1970, he returned to Italy, in charge of the administrative sector of San Paolo Film, a task that he will maintain until 1994, when he was transferred to the Provincial House. Since 2011, he belonged to the *Primo Maestro* community of Rome.

Father Umberto spent most of his years engaged in the apostolic field of San Paolo Film, in close collaboration with Father Attilio Monge who was then in charge. He followed the economic part, maintaining relationships and acquaintances with the various film producers, carrying out his work with competence.

With the birth of Multimedia San Paolo in the community of Milan and the disappearance of the activities of San Paolo Film in Rome, Father Umberto remained in the Provincial House of Rome.

Some confreres remember him busy on the set of the film *The Adventures of Pinocchio*, produced by San Paolo Film together with RAI, where with his daily presence, he carried on his apostolate with seriousness and responsibility. Others describe him as a reserved and sometimes “impetuous” person. He knew how to be a “good grandfather”, sometimes a bit “grumpy”, but often with a good dose of sympathy, capable of laughing and joking with his confreres.

In 2017, on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of his presbyteral ordination, the Superior General wrote to him in the message of best wishes:

«All your life is an offering pleasing to the Lord, a simple life, a life spent in little things ... always bringing good into the heart, well received and given. Thanks for all your gifts».

May the Lord welcome this dear brother of ours into his kingdom of light and peace and let us pray that he may intercede for us so that other young people may devote themselves to our mission, which today is increasingly characterized by the culture of the visuals.

Rome, 12 January 2022

Fr Vito Spagnolo, ssp

The funeral was celebrated on Thursday, 13 January, at 3:30 PM, in the sub-crypt of the Regina degli Apostoli Sanctuary. The body will then be buried in the Laurentino cemetery in Rome.

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