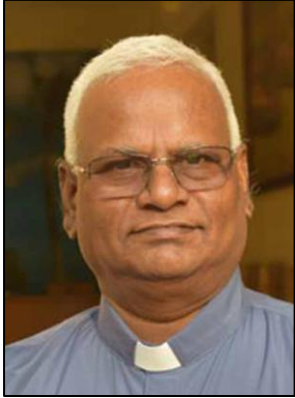


In the Father's House

«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 AM (local time) yesterday 10 April 2023, he died in the community of Kochi (India) due to a massive heart attack

BROTHER JESUDASS GABRIEL AMIRTHAN *67 years of age, 46 of Pauline life, 42 of profession*

Jesudass Amirthan was born in Veeralur, diocese of Vellore (Tamil Nadu, India), on February 27, 1956. His parents raised six children (four brothers and two sisters) of which Jesudass was the second. He entered the Congregation on June 16, 1976 in the community of Mumbai. He made his first religious profession on June 30, 1980 in the community of Bangalore. He consecrated himself definitively to the Lord on 12 December 1987 in the parish church of Veeralur.

During the Juniorate Br Jesudass showed his maturity and therefore the superiors sent him to Coimbatore to look after the aspirants who joined the community from the state of Tamil Nadu. In addition to being an assistant to the aspirants, he dedicated himself to teaching and distributing books in schools, parishes and religious institute

From the beginning Br Jesudass was passionate about theological studies and communication. He obtained a bachelor's degree in theology at St. Joseph's Regional Seminary in Allahabad (1988-1992).

After his studies we find him for a long period in North-East India (1992-2015), except for two brief absences: in Allahabad (1996-1997) for the distribution of books in schools and the conducting animation programmes for teachers and students, and in Chennai (2004-2005) to obtain a Diploma in multimedia animation from ARENA. Soon he became a much sought-after motivational speaker in the North-Eastern States of India.

He was one of the pioneers of our mission in the North-East by opening the community in Jorhat (Assam) and the first Director of our publishing apostolate in Assam, as well as the only Pauline to learn the Assamese language in the 31 years of our presence in this area. From 1997 to 1999 he traveled throughout the North-East (7 States) with the "Mobile Bus", visiting schools and conducting seminars for teachers and students. He was Deputy Director of Social Communications (NESCom) from 1991 to 2001 and Director of Catholic Inquiry Centre and Communication Centre of the Archdiocese of Guwahati from 2001 to 2004. In 2005 he founded and became Director of the "Peace Club". He formed 175 Peace Clubs in 55 schools with 8,000 members. This service to the students in the Northeast was noted by the International Business Council who awarded him the Indira Gandhi Sadbhavana Award for Peace. He has also been recognized and honored by the Chief Minister of Assam for his education and peace initiatives. In addition to these responsibilities, he was for many years Regional Secretary of the Biblical Commission in the North-East and Director of Ecumenism in the Archdiocese of Guwahati. From 2010 to 2014 he was also Provincial Councilor.

In 2015 Bro. Jesudass met with a serious car accident in Guwahati fracturing his leg and had to leave the North-East and to move to Chennai, where he devoted himself to parish ministry. He founded an association called "Angels of Peace" which in one year received more than a thousand members. During his tenure at the Divine Mercy Church, the National Assembly of Religious Brethren in India (NARBI) appointed him as its National Executive Secretary for three consecutive terms (a unique privilege). In 2020, for a short time, he worked as "Media Secretary" at the Conference of Religious in India (CRI), New Delhi; however he was unable to continue in his post due to Covid and had to move to our Bangalore community where he lived until 2022. Since November 2022 he was in the community of Kochi for health reasons and was gradually recovering. After having renewed his baptismal vows at the Easter Vigil, Br Jesudass was called to receive his eternal reward.

Br Jesudass was a man of action, organization and had a passion for the Pauline mission. He was proud of his Pauline vocation and of his religious brotherhood. People found in him a true brother, a guide and an adviser when they approached him, he received them all with a smile and they left satisfied and happy. He brought the Pauline mission to the peripheries as well as to the cities. He was cheerful, enthusiastic, zealous and always eager to spread the Kingdom of God. A great connoisseur of the media, he used them in their various forms for the Pauline mission. His dynamic leadership and his selfless dedication to the Pauline apostolate are the true legacy he leaves to the members of the Province.

We are certain that he is now in the company of the Primo Maestro and of the large group of Paulines in heaven, enjoying the presence of the Trinity. We ask him to intercede with the Lord for numerous and holy vocations for brotherhood in our Congregation.

Rome, 11 April 2023

Don Vito Spagnolo, ssp

The funeral was held on Tuesday, April 11, 2023, at 11:00 (local time) in the community chapel in Bangalore. He was buried in the community cemetery.

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