

# 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 9:24 PM (local time) on Monday 27 May 2024 he died at the PUC-Campinas Hospital, in the city of Campinas, SP (Brazil) due to a generalized infection

## **BROTHER AVELINO PRESCENDO** **82 years, 54 of Pauline life, 51 of profession**

Brother Avelino was born in Nova Prata, RS (Brazil) on 4 September 1941 – the same day on which we remember the death of the Venerable Brother Andrea Maria Borello (+ 1948) – fifteenth of 17 children, 9 brothers and 7 sisters, from parents Emilio and Sangali Rachele. He entered the community of Cidade Paulina, in São Paulo, as an adult vocation – as it was called then – on 20 November 1969, at the age of twenty-eight. He began the Novitiate on 10 February 1972, made his First Religious Profession on 11 February 1973 and was definitively consecrated with Perpetual Profession on 27 May 1979.

Brother Avelino carried out the Pauline apostolate in the printing house and in the bookshop. He was a simple man, coming from a peasant family, he liked nature and dedicated himself to taking care of the vegetable garden and birds. He was also an excellent cook.

He was always very helpful regarding office transfers. In fact he lived in various communities in Brazil: Cidade Paulina (São Paulo), Salvador (Bahia), Rio de Janeiro (Rio de Janeiro), Goiânia (Goiás), Caxias do Sul (Rio Grande do Sul), Mary Queen of the Apostles (São Paulo) and, in more recent years, in the Beato Tiago Alberione community (Provincial House) of Vila Mariana (São Paulo).

For many years he had great difficulty walking due to a prosthetic leg. He also suffered from Alzheimer's disease. He received all the care that was available, including the accompaniment of a caregiver 24 hours a day. His last days were marked by suffering until, on the evening of 27 May, due to a generalized infection, he experienced the definitive Easter.

The Superior General, Father Domenico Soliman, in his message of best wishes for the 50th anniversary of Religious Profession, wrote to him as follows: "I wish you to continue with joy and passion your journey as a Pauline brother, even if with a few years remaining on your shoulders. Indeed, your long experience of spiritual and apostolic life pushes you to be a wise and profound presence among others, a model of love for God, for the brothers, for the Congregation."

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Let us ask God to welcome our brother Avelino into his Kingdom. May his soul rest in peace, as we ask him to intercede for numerous and holy vocations of Brother Disciples of the Divine Master in our Congregation.

Rome, 29 May 2024

Father Vito Spagnolo, ssp

*The funeral was celebrated on Wednesday 29 May at 12:00 noon in the Chapel of the Irmandade do Santíssimo Sacramento Cemetery (São Paulo), where he was buried in the tomb of the Pauline Family.*

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