

# 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 8:40 AM (local time) on Monday, 24 May 2021, our priest confrere died due to the consequences of Parkinson's disease, at the community infirmary of Guadalajara

## **FATHER GUSTAVO ANDRADE NAVA**

**61 years, 36 of Pauline life, 31 of profession and 26 of priesthood**

Gustavo was born in Torreón (Coahuila, Mexico) on 28 February 1960, from Papa Cipriano and Mama Ángela Nava, in a family with ten children.

On 26 August 1984, he entered the Taxqueña community in the group of adult vocations, after graduating in Psychology. On 13 August 1988, he began his novitiate in Guadalajara, which ended the following year with his first religious profession, taking the name of Andrés de la Cruz. He made his profession in perpetuity on 4 September 1993. On 2 July 1994, he was ordained a priest in the community of Mexico City.

In 1995, the Superior General asked him to leave as a missionary in our Congo Region, first to Kinshasa and then to Lubumbashi, initially working in the bookstore and later in the administration. For Father Gustavo these were four intense and fruitful years, in which he experienced the joy of giving himself. He would always remember them, carrying love for this land in his heart. During the last years of his life, in which the disease had greatly weakened him, his experience in Congo resounded even more strongly, often relived using some expression in French.

Returning to Mexico in 1999, he joined the community of Guadalajara for a year and was appointed director of the Ramón López Velarde School. During the following years, Father Gustavo mainly lived two apostolates. That of diffusion, in Merida from 2000 to 2003, and that of the editorial staff, also as director of "La voz diocesana", when he lived in the community of Coatzacoalcos. For short periods, he was also teacher and spiritual director of the juniors, and director of the Spirituality Centre.

In 2005, the signs of Parkinson's disease began to appear, a disease that will accompany him for the rest of his life. With the worsening of the situation in 2013, he was transferred to the *Santa Maria de Guadalupe* infirmary, in our community of Guadalajara. In recent years, Fr. Gustavo lived the apostolate of suffering, always aware of the gravity but also capable of a few jokes to face his illness with a little serenity. To a confrere, he was able to say: «Don't treat me like a sick person. I suffer willingly for the Lord». Lately he was bedridden, and yesterday, due to severe pneumonia, the Divine Master called him to himself.

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Father Gustavo gradually learned to love life and our mission. A journey in stages, where in what he lived he slowly discovered God's plan of love for him.

We entrust our brother to the mercy of the Father and from heaven may he intercede for the needs of the Mexico-Cuba Province and the beloved Congo Region.

Rome, 25 May 2021



Father Domenico Soliman, ssp  
Secretary General

*Father Gustavo's funeral will be celebrated today, Tuesday, 25 May at 10:00 AM (local time) in the chapel of the community of Guadalajara. The body will be buried at the Parque Funeral Colonias cemetery in Zapopan (Jalisco), together with the other members of the Pauline Family.*

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