

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 about 8:00 PM (local time) on Sunday, 29 November, our confrere from the community of Modena died at the hospital in Baggiovara (Modena), due to serious complications caused by Covid-19

FATHER GIGLIO MARINO STEFANO ADANI

77 years, 58 of Pauline life, 52 of profession, 41 of priesthood

We are greeted by a brother with a smiling face, whose joviality has always been his identity card for weaving warm human relationships. A characteristic that allowed Father Marino to feel comfortable with everyone and to be a person of dialogue. He did not like to keep something for himself and almost naturally, he joyfully gave the little things that belonged to him, but above all his time and the many energies for the people of God.

For almost thirty years, he gave his life in our parish of Mary Queen of the Apostles, first, as an assistant pastor and then as a pastor. All this time allowed him to get to know the neighbourhood and the families who attended Sunday Mass and which he visited throughout the year. Father Marino was also generous with small attentions to people; his greeting and joke have always facilitated dialogue with everyone. He learned to take care of everyone: the children of catechesis, families, the poorest and collaborators of the parish.

He graduated in Pastoral Theology at the Lateran Pontifical University and all his work as a Pauline and as a pastor was dedicated to enhancing and promoting the laity, so that they would be increasingly empowered in the various areas of pastoral life.

Towards the end of 1994, he was appointed parish priest and at the same time, he received the appointment of Rector of the Shrine of Mary Queen of the Apostles. In agreement with the Superiors, and also involving the parish, he did his utmost to arrange the premises and make the church more welcoming.

His simple way of living and the sense of closeness that he transmitted to everyone led him to be appointed Prefect of the 23rd Prefecture of the Diocese of Rome, with the task of coordinating relations between the parishes in our area. At the same time, he cultivated friendship with Msgr. Rino Fisichella, then Auxiliary Bishop of our pastoral sector, and currently President of the *Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization*.

In 2009, Father Marino left Rome to move to the community of Modena. A change that is not small and not easy. Yet with the same style and with the same enthusiasm, he continued his Pauline mission, this time as Superior of the small community and Rector of the Church of Saint Domenic, in the historic city centre. At home, he has always been an affable and serene person, welcoming, able to tone down when there was a need and, thanks to the Sunday ministry, he was able to resume the relationship with the people, always much appreciated even by the diocesan clergy. In 2013, Archbishop Msgr. Antonio Lanfranchi asked him for his willingness to take on the post of diocesan Vicar for consecrated life,

a post that the current Archbishop, Msgr. Erio Castellucci, renewed it a few years later.

Son of that land of Modena and of that same diocese, he found himself working for it with the usual commitment and without holding back. And so he could be found celebrating three Masses every Sunday in three mountain communities, in Zocca (Modena), his native town, and in two other nearby villages. He also gave his priestly service in some religious communities and at the Church of Saint Domenic, dedicating himself to daily confessions together with the confreres of the community. As diocesan Vicar, he met and accompanied the religious communities of the diocese, facing some difficult situations with them and always encouraging them to live their vocation in an authentic way.

He has always supported the confreres involved in the *Giacomo Alberione Cultural Centre*, a Pauline reality of animation of the territory.

Father Marino was born on 28 October 1943 to mother Irene and father Pasquale, a simple family, the youngest of four children. He entered the community in Modena on 11 September 1962. On 8 September 1966, he began his novitiate in Ostia (Rome) and on 20 August 1968, he made his first profession assuming the name of Stefano. He pronounced his vows in perpetuity on 8 September 1977 in Rome. On 3 December 1978, he was ordained a deacon in Modena and, on 16 September 1979, a priest in Rome, by the imposition of the hands of Msgr. Giovanni Canestri.

In 1980, Father Marino began his pastoral activity in our Roman parish as assistant pastor, an experience that lasted, as mentioned, until 2009 when he arrived in Modena. For eleven years he lived in this community, first as a Delegate (2009-2011) and then as a local Superior (2011-2020).

The Lord called him to heaven on the very day of the anniversary of the dedication of the Shrine-Basilica of Mary Queen of the Apostles. Father Marino often liked to repeat: «*My heart is always in Rome*». Yes, the good he gave will always remain in the hearts of all those people he served as a Pauline priest, and also in the heart of Msgr. Erio Castellucci, who tomorrow will preside over the Eucharist and the funeral rite.

Now the Divine Master welcomes Father Marino to Paradise, in the company of Blessed James Alberione, the Pauline Family and the people of God whom he served.

Rome, 1st December 2020

Father Domenico Soliman, ssp

The funeral will be celebrated on Wednesday, 2 December, at 9.00 AM, at the monumental Church of Saint Augustine in Modena. Father Marino's body will be buried in the cemetery of Vignola (Modena), near the chapel of the clergy.

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