

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 8:30 AM (local time), 27 July, our confrere died at the “Pueblo Sabio” retirement home in Córdoba (Argentina), due to a tumour

BROTHER SANTIAGO ENRIQUE FRANCISCO KLOSTER *84 years, 60 of Pauline life, 57 of profession*

He was born in Concepción del Uruguay (Entre Ríos, Argentina) on 6 November 1936, in a family of German origin. Mother Ana Schenfeld and father Santiago educated their children in an atmosphere of faith, so that together with Brother Santiago two other sisters (Verónica and Mónica) embraced the consecrated life in the Pauline Family, among the Daughters of St. Paul.

On 25 January 1961, he entered the community in Buenos Aires-Florida, where on 7 March 1962 he began his novitiate and on 7 March 1964 he made his first religious profession as a Disciple of the Divine Master, taking the name of Francisco. On 19 March 1969, he perpetually professed his religious vows, always in the same community.

His Pauline mission is rich in apostolate. From 1969 to 1978, he worked in the letterpress engraving department. Subsequently, from 1978 to 1993, he devoted himself mainly to the audio-visual sector, first in Buenos Aires-Florida and then in Córdoba. After a year of absence from the community, he was placed in the Córdoba bookshop (1997-2000). For a long time he was also Provincial Bursar (2008-2015).

Brother Santiago also dedicated himself to the confreres as Delegate of the Provincial Superior for the communities of Cordoba (1995-1996, 2000-2005) and Buenos Aires-Riobamba (2015-2016). For several terms, he was Provincial Councillor.

A lovable brother of few words, a man of trust, orderly in his way of working, with a marked editorial sensitivity, a quality that also leads him to edit two texts: *Amistad y vida* – on the importance of friendship, an experience that when it is profound transforms life – and *Los sueños de Dios Padre*, a series of short thoughts that outline creation from an optimistic gaze.

One of his vocational witnesses well describes the soul of Brother Santiago, he who repeatedly asked the Lord for light about the meaning of his life, after some unsuccessful experiences: «About three years later, in January 1960, I went to live in my parish and I worked as a secretary. In the month of October of that year, one afternoon, the parish priest handed me a letter. At that moment I did not read it, since I had to prepare the altar for the celebration of Mass. In the evening, after dinner, I went to my room and read the letter, which was from one of my sisters,

the one who knew nothing of my vocational search. The letter began with the usual greetings and continued: “Dear brother, I don’t know if you have already thought of something for your future, I think you could be a Pauline Brother...” It was enough. It was Jesus’ answer to my prayer made three years earlier, in front of the Tabernacle».

During the last three years of his life, he faced intestinal cancer, preparing himself for the second call that the Divine Master had thought of for him.

Now, let us entrust this brother of ours to the mercy of the Father and from Heaven may he intercede for the needs of the Pauline Family and of the Argentina-Chile-Paraguay Region.

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Father Domenico Soliman, ssp
Secretary General

Brother Santiago’s funeral is celebrated today, July 28, at 11:30 AM (local time), in the chapel of the cemetery of Santa Inés in Villa Allende (Córdoba), where he will also be buried.

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