

# 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 2:35 AM (local time) on Friday 24 January 2025, he died in the infirmary in Rome due to cardiac arrest



## **BROTHER SALVATORE GIOVANNI EUGENIO DANIELE** **95 years, 77 of Pauline life, 73 of profession**

Salvatore Giovanni was born in Cardinale (Catanzaro) on 25 April 1929, one of 5 children, 2 brothers and 3 sisters, of his parents Giuseppe and Maria Lucia De Giorgio. He entered the community of Catania on 1 October 1947, began his Novitiate on 19 March 1950, made his First Religious Profession on March 19, 1951, taking the name of Eugenio. He was definitively consecrated with Perpetual Profession on 8 September 1956.

Brother Giovanni's life remained linked to the Pauline community of Bari, until a few days ago, when on 14 January 2025 he was transferred to the infirmary of Rome.

Brother Giovanni's long stay in the community of Bari, his serious work and his testimony of faith made him a significant presence for many Paulines. "Towards him – confides a confrere – I have particular reasons for affection and gratitude. I remember the many stories of Pauline life, the emotion in describing the details of the Perpetual Profession of vows made into the hands of Blessed Alberione. The perception was that of a genuine man, with an initial rough appearance but who hid a big heart capable of encouraging you and giving you security. A Disciple of the Divine Master who with industriousness, conviction and faith added life to the days."

Another confrere remembers him as follows: "Among the first Paulines I met when I entered the community in Bari was Brother Giovanni. At the time he was in charge of the Linotype department in the printing house. He was enthusiastic about the work he did, very attentive and caring towards the boys whom he considered as his sons. His concern was also directed towards the families of the aspirants, with whom he had good relations and whom, where possible, he went to visit, especially those closest to his places of origin in Calabria. When the printing house in Bari was later closed, Brother Giovanni did not hesitate to devote himself body and soul to the distribution of the Pauline Periodicals. Every week he was ready at dawn to unload the pallets of magazines at the station, transfer them to the warehouse in the community and arrange for their subsequent distribution in the parishes. His commitment to distribution was not limited to the simple distribution of copies. With him I had the opportunity to visit parish priests, schools, religious communities throughout Puglia, to encourage them to take the Pauline magazines. He did not have a refined language and did not show off his wisdom, but he was convincing with his disarming simplicity and poverty. Even where the magazines were already present or had been abandoned by the parish

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priests, he did not hesitate to organize a day of animation: he distributed the magazines on all the pews in the church and, with the help of a celebrant who explained the initiative, he managed to convince the faithful to pick up the newspapers again to take them home. He did the same when the book warehouse in Bari was closed. Brother Giovanni had a very large family, where he was always present, also acting as a “father” where there were problems and sometimes even great difficulties. His desire was to be able to see some of his many nephews as Paulines, but none of his nephews had the gift of a vocation and he suffered from this.”

May the Lord welcome this dear brother of ours and reward him abundantly, as we ask him to intercede for numerous and holy vocations of Brother Disciples in our Congregation.

Rome, 24 January 2025

Father Vito Spagnolo, ssp

*The funeral will be celebrated on Saturday, 25 January at 10:30 AM in the Sub crypt of the Basilica Regina degli Apostoli. The body will be buried in his town of origin, Cardinale (Catanzaro).*

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