

## 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)



In the early hours of dawn on 6 October at the Ramón y Cajal Hospital in Madrid (Spain), our brother Disciple of the Divine Master returned to the House of the Father

### **BROTHER GRACILIANO FRANCISCO JAVIER BAÑUELOS DÍEZ** **84 years, 73 of Pauline life, 66 of religious profession**

Graciliano was born on 31 May 1936 in Barrio Panizares, a small town not far from Burgos, one of the main cities of the Region of Castilla, in the north of Spain. He is the youngest of six brothers born into a simple family, where father Ciriaco is a farmer and mother Basilisa Díez a housewife. He was baptized on 2 June in the parish of San Cristobal and confirmed on 16 January 1947 in the parish of San Miguel Arcangel.

Four years later, he followed in the footsteps of his brother Eugenio, also a Disciple of the Divine Master – who died in 1995 in Madrid – and entered the Congregation on 11 September 1947 in the community of Zalla. On 7 September 1953, he began his novitiate in the community of Bilbao, where he made his First profession on 8 September 1954, taking the religious name of Francisco Javier. He made his perpetual vows on 8 September 1959 in Zalla.

He lived his first apostolic experience in the engraving department of the printing press: first in the community of Zalla (1959-1977) and then in that of Madrid-Las Rozas (1977-1979). In the years from 1980 to 1987, a period of apostolate followed in the San Paolo Film agency in Bilbao.

From 1988 to 1995, we found him in Madrid – Vizconde de los Asilos with a position in the administrative sector of the magazine *Familia Cristiana*. He then passed into the community of Madrid-Resina, first placed in the warehouse (1995-2012) and then dedicated to the multiple community services (2012-2018). After the closure of the latter community in December 2018, he resided at the Provincial House until the end of his days, when, due to respiratory complications due to Covid-19, he passed away.

Brother Graciliano loved things done well; he was not a conformist in his way of thinking and was certainly a generous person and capable of spending himself for the apostolate. He knew how to mix his commitment with a good dose of joy. He loved reading, especially that of history books, and was happy with his call to be a Disciple of the Divine Master.

On the day of his 50th anniversary of religious profession, celebrated in 2005 together with three other disciples, then Superior General, Father Silvio Sassi, expressed himself as follows: «We are grateful to you for your exemplary fidelity and for the generous contribution offered to the Congregation

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*during your long apostolic service. On similar occasions, Blessed James Alberione used to say that the significant stages of Pauline life “are a very great grace, which we will understand only in heaven; they deserve the gratitude of many souls and are consolations for life and death”. The Lord will not fail to reward your industriousness and your efforts with the “hundredfold” promised to the apostles».*

And precisely this “hundredfold” is what Brother Graciliano now receives in Heaven, welcomed by Blessed James Alberione together with the Venerable Brother Andrea Borello and the whole Pauline Family.

*Rome, 7 October 2020*

*Father Domenico Soliman, ssp*

*In accordance with local civil regulations, the traditional funeral rite was not held due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The body was immediately cremated. The ashes will be placed in the chapel of the Society of Saint Paul at the cemetery of Las-Rozas.*

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