

December 5, 2007

**Death Notice No. 37 (To all Unit Administrations):**



The Province of the Italy, recommends to our fraternal prayers our dear brother, **ADRIANO LORO**, who died in the service of the Blessed Virgin Mary on November 22, 2007 in Vicenza, Italy in the 68<sup>th</sup> year of his age and the 51<sup>st</sup> year of his religious profession.

Brother Adriano was born on October 30, 1940 at Rosà (Vicenza), an area that has given us several other Marianist religious. He was the son of Marco and Basilia Signori, who had a total of seven children in the family. He entered the postulate of Brusasco (Turin) in 1953, made the novitiate at Giove (Umbria). He pronounced first vows on August 15, 1957 and Perpetual Vows on August 15 1962. During his scholasticate he attended the Liceo Classico Santa Maria in Pallanza. He was sent to the community in Rome and enrolled in the university concentrating in the area of mathematics. Here he also had his first teaching experience, as an assistant teacher, first in Rome and then in Turin. He then become *econome* at the postulate. After two years as econome in Diano Marina (Imperia), in September 1974, he was sent to become treasurer at Collegio Santa Maria in Pallanza. He was the leader for the preparations for and the organization of General Chapter of 1976. He remained at Pallanza for the rest of his life. For 33 years, he donated the wealth of his intellectual and organizational skill.

Since 1974 Brother Adriano worked behind the scenes at Collegio Santa Maria without limit. His outstanding human and religious gifts are well known to all: kindness, the spirit of sacrifice, meticulous and hospitable attention to all friends and religious guests. His time was for others, and its patience was proverbial. His ability to forge friendship was, for him, an easy way to get to know God and to make known the Marianist Charism.

He cultivated friendship with the religious nuns of the Monastery of St. Benedictine on the Island of San Giulio, about 30 km from Pallanza. Indeed, his heart was divided between his communities and the monastery. He was instrumental in many of the decisions made in the community, especially those regarding the reception and accommodation of guests. He saw to the transformation of student residence into Hotel Castagnola, where both young people and adults come for various reasons including sports groups, ecclesial congress study groups, voluntary associations, the disabled...

He was a religious who was faithful to his commitments until the last day of his life, one who modelled his life after the prophetic words of the Holy Cure of Ars.

The life of Adriano took a hard blow at the beginning of January 2006, when he was diagnosed with acute leukaemia. His system responded well to chemotherapy, such that, after six months, he was able to return to the community, healed. But, after five months, he suffered a relapse. This time, the bone marrow transplants, the continued hope of his survival and the final ordeal lasted exactly one year, from November 2006 to November 2007.

It was a time for his purification, silence, solitude, which prepared him for life in heaven. At the shrine

"Salus infirmorum" animated by the Marianist Community of Scaldasferro (Vicenza), he prayed and suffered without complaint. Brother Adriano not leave us words or writings, but rather, a legacy of dedicated service.

He now rests in a new tomb at the cemetery in Pallanza, which was recently built for the community.

May he rest in peace and intercede for us!