

Fr. Diano Florio

1931–2020



Diano Florio was born on 1 November 1931 in Chiampo (VI), the son of his father Celestino and his mother Rosa Franceschi. On 17 September 1942 he entered the Camillian seminary of Villa Visconta in Besana Brianza (MB). After primary school he began his novitiate at the religious house of San Giuliano in Verona, a period that was brought to an end by his temporary religious profession on 17 October 1948. He then continued his studies at secondary school. From 18 December 1949 to 5 June 1950 there was a pause because of his admission to the sanatorium of Chievo (VR). In October 1951 he began his studies in theology at Mottinello di Rossano Veneto (VI). It was there on 8 December 1952, the solemnity of the Immaculate Mary, that he made his perpetual profession of vows. He was ordained a deacon on 18 December 1954 by Msgr. Gerolamo Bortignon, the Bishop of Padua, and was ordained a priest by the same prelate on 19 June 1955.

On 21 July 1955 he began two months as a replacement at the chaplaincy of the hospital of Arezzo. On 12 September he was assigned to the seminary of Villa Visconta as a teacher. On 22 May 1957 he was once again a patient, this time at the sanatorium of Sondalo (SO), Pineta. He was discharged on 1 February 1959 but he stayed on at Pineta as a chaplain. On 3 May 1962 he was appointed the Superior of the local hospital community. On 2 August 1965 he was transferred to the hospital community of Forlì, once again as the Superior. On 8 May 1967 he was appointed the Superior of the community of Bologna.

At the end of 1968 he was elected secretary of the financial committee of his religious Province and on 24 June 1971 he was appointed vice-financial administrator of the Province. On 29 September of the same year – after a summer period at the *Casa S. Maria del Paradiso* in Verona – he went to the *Casa di Cura S. Pio X* of Milan as the director of the admissions office. On 10 June 1974 he was appointed the financial administrator of the Province, and this was confirmed for another three-year period. On 9 September 1980 he became the financial administrator of the *Casa di Cura S. Pio X* of Milan. He became a member of the committee of financial administration as its secretary. On 17 October 1983 he was re-appointed the financial administrator of the *Casa di Cura S. Pio X* and he was confirmed in this post for another three-year period. In the summer of 1992 he was appointed the financial administrator of the community of San Giuliano and the director of the *Casa di riposo C.C. Bresciani* of Verona. In the summer of 2004 he was transferred to the religious house of Mottinello a Rossano Veneto (VI) where in September he was appointed the first councillor and then financial administrator, being confirmed in this latter office for another three years.

With the change in appointments in the Province of North Italy, in the summer of 2014 he retired to the religious house of San Giuliano in Verona. On 28 February 2020, because of the reappearance of certain health difficulties, he was admitted to the Hospital of the Sacred Heart in

Negrar (VR) where, after an initial improvement, he suffered a progressive decline in his general condition which led to his death at about mid-day on 27 March.

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Fr. Diano was the oldest of five brothers all of whom entered the Camillian seminary. Two of these, like him, completed the pathway. A convinced religious and faithful to the duties of piety and prayer, because of his imposing frame, he was two metres tall, he had the appearance of a gentle giant. He was a man of notable equipoise who never overdid things; he was affable,

with a slow and measured way of speaking designed to make himself clearly understood. His mind was inclined to analysis and reasoning. He was precise and meticulous and his excellent performance in his studies were put to good stead, after some experiences of a purely pastoral character, in the administrative field, where he gave the best of himself, always with love for, and faithfulness towards, the Institute, in whose destiny he always took a lively interest right up until the end.