

Fr. JOSÉ CARLOS ROMANO



Fr. JOSÉ CARLOS ROMANO was born in Santa Cruz do Rio Pardo, SP, on 1 February 1945. He was the son of Brasílio Romano and Maria Braceiro Romano. He was baptised on 12 April 1945.

In 1973 he entered the seminary of Claretian religious in Rio Claro, SP. On 25 January 1977 he began his Camillian novitiate and on 25 January 1978 he took his first vows as a member of the Order of the Ministers of the Sick (*Camillians*). In 1980 he completed his studies in philosophy at the 'St. Benedict' Monastery and in 1982 he completed his studies in theology at the 'Pius XI' Institute in San Paolo, SP.

On 25 January 1981 he took his perpetual vows and in the same year he was admitted to the ministries of reader and acolyte. On 2 October 1982 he was ordained a deacon at the Church of Santa Cruz in Santos, SP. On 16 January 1983 he was ordained a priest at the Parish of '*Nossa Senhora do Rosário*' in Villa Pompéia, SP.

In February 1983 he was transferred to the community of Santa Cruz in Santos (SP) to provide service in the chaplaincy of the '*Santa Casa de Misericórdia*' and to work as a parish priest. In August 1983 he was transferred to San Paolo, and more specifically to the community of '*Nossa Senhora do Rosário*' as a chaplain at the '*Hospital das Clínicas*'. In February 1985 he joined the chaplaincy of the '*Ospedale do Servidor Público Estadual*'. He moved to the community of Santos on 5 June 1991 and became a part of the chaplaincy of the '*Santa Casa de Misericórdia*'. Fr. Romano was the chaplain of this hospital until November 2017 when he was transferred to the community of '*Nossa Senhora da Pompéia*' to help in the chaplaincy of the '*Ospedale das Clínicas*'.

For over forty years Fr. Romano, as a Camillian religious, dedicated himself to caring for the sick as a chaplain. Without sparing himself, he sought to devote himself in an outstanding way to caring for the sick as a worthy son of St. Camillus.

On Sunday 12 April Fr. Romano began to feel severe pain caused by an inguinal hernia. He was admitted to hospital and had an emergency operation. Because of various complications, he died in 15 April 2020, at about 21.40, at the '*São Camilo di Pompéia*' Hospital in San Paolo. He was buried on 16 April in the tomb of Camillian religious in the Cemetery of the Most Holy Sacrament in San Paolo.

'Whoever believes in me will have eternal life' (Jn 3:36).