



Fr. Luciano Ramponi (1947-2021)

Luciano Ramponi was Born on July 28, 1947 in Dimaro (Trentino-Italy), to his father Arturo and mother Elisabetta Tevini. He entered the seminary of *Villa Visconta* in Besana Brianza (Milan) on September 27, 1958, for the middle school; He continued his high school in Marchirolo (Varese-Lombardia) in September 1962. He entered the Novitiate on September 25, 1964 at *San Giuliano* in Verona, and made his temporary profession on September 26, 1965. He resumed his High School, remaining at *San Giuliano*. In October 1968, he began his theology studies at *San Zeno* in Verona. On December 17, 1970, still in formation, he left the port of Genova for Colombia, where he arrived on January 2, 1971, and continued his theology studies at the Pontifical Xavierian University in Bogotá. He made his solemn profession on August 22, 1971 in Bogotá, where he was ordained a Deacon on December 11, 1971. He completed his theology studies and was ordained a priest by Monsignor Edoardo Mason in Dimaro on December 16, 1972.

In March 1973, he was appointed chaplain of the *San Juan De Dios* Hospital in Bogotá, and then in July 1973, of the *San Pedro Claver* Clinic. On July 6, 1975, he was transferred to Lima (Peru) to the community of *Buenamuerte* as chaplain of the *Dos De Mayo* Hospital. In 1981, he was appointed chaplain at *Loayza* Hospital, and during the year attended the Clinical Pastoral Course in Bogotá. On November 5, 1981, he moved from Lima to Arequipa, where he was assistant parish priest at *Nuestra Senora del Pilar* parish. From March 20, 1983 until 1991 he was the director of the social work *La Posada*, and in April he was the in-charge of the Pastoral Health ministry in the Archdiocese of Arequipa. Since January 1984, he was also the spiritual assistant of the youth movement “*Encuentros de Promoción Juvenil*”. On December 3, 1985, he was appointed parish priest of *Nuestra Senora del Pilar* church. On November 18, 1986, he was appointed superior of the house at Arequipa, and in 1989, as councillor of the Colombia-Peru Delegation, still continuing as parish priest. In March 1992, he was transferred to Medellin (Colombia), in August to the *San Pedro Claver* Seminary of Bogotá, and in November to the *San Camilo* Seminary as bursar and chaplain of the *San Pedro Claver* Retirement Home.

From 1995 to 1998, and then from 1998-2001, he was the Bursar of the Delegation. From 2001 to 2004, he was the superior of the *San Pedro Claver* house. In the summer of 2004, he was appointed Delegate of the Colombia-Ecuador Delegation. On November 20, 2004, he was appointed Superior of the *San Josè* house in Bogotá. On March 6, 2007, he became the local in-charge for dealing with a number of cases of departure from the Order. On July 12, 2007, he was appointed Councillor, and on July 26, 2007, Bursar of the Colombia-Ecuador Delegation. In August 2007, he was appointed Bursar of *San Josè* house. On December 28, 2009, he was appointed superior of the community of St. Camillus Theologate in Ciudad Berna, Bogotá. On March 26, 2011, he was appointed Master of the Temporary Professed, and on June 8, he was appointed pro-delegate until the conclusion of the triennium 2010-2013. In 2012, due to the change of community in Bogotá, he became superior of the *San Josè* house, continuing as master of the professed. In August 2013, he was the superior of the *San Camillo* house and rector of the Seminary, and was also bursar and secretary of the Delegation. In 2017, he was again assigned to the *San Josè* community as chaplain of the *San Pedro Claver* Retirement Home.

During this time, he developed a serious vascular problem. In 2018, he was transferred to the Blessed Luigi Tezza community for recovery and rehabilitation. On August 25, 2019, he underwent a cardiac surgery. On September 17, 2021, due to a stroke, he was admitted to the intensive care unit in the

Nueva El Lago Clinic, where he had a heart attack and remained in coma until his death on October 23 shortly after 2:00 p.m. (Italian time). It was the eve of Mission Sunday.

Fr. Luciano, with his good character and spirit of sacrifice, was enthusiastic about the post-conciliar novelties in his youth. He was free in spirit but with a restrained and constructive attitude, always founded on the core values of religious life. From his years of theology studies, he manifested a missionary vocation, and was a convinced supporter of inculturation, of the empowerment of young local religious, and of dialogue between the different Latin American sensibilities. He was proud of his role as interpreter between Spanish and Italian. Apparently shy with outsiders (lay people, professionals), he was quite outgoing and open with his confreres and with young people in formation. He assumed administrative roles with responsibility, as superior and local bursar, as delegate, as councillor, and as delegation bursar. He was a meticulous and encouraging councillor, a religious, perhaps, without asceticism but humble in the multiplicity of his services. A hard worker, skilled not only in manual work, but also in planning, he put his practical intelligence at the disposal of the life of the community, the economy, construction, and logistics. He also had a decisive role in the reorganization of civil, religious or historical documents, in the care of chronicles, in the renewal of administrative records. He wished to be buried in the land where he spent all his ministerial energies.

We entrust him to the Lord who will certainly exalt him in glory, united to the array of the many Camillian missionaries.