

Father Flavio Danzi

1941 - 2022



He was born August 5, 1941 in Belfiore d'Adige (VR) to father Vittorio and mother Teresa Montanaro. On October 4, 1952 he entered the Villa Visconta Seminary in Besana Brianza (MB) for Middle School, continued in 1955 in Marchirolo (VA) with High School. On Sept. 25, 1957, he entered the Novitiate of St. Julian's in Verona, where he made his first profession on Sept. 26, 1958, then completed high school in Verona. In 1961 he was sent to St. Camillus International College in Marino (RM) to study theology, where he made Solemn Profession on Dec. 25, 1962, and where he received the Order of Diaconate on Dec. 5, 1962, from Msgr. Raffaele Macario. On June 25, 1966 in the church of the Hospital of B.go Trento in Verona he received the Order of Presbyterate from Msgr. Giuseppe Carraro. In the three-year period 1966-1969, in Rome, he received a licentiate in theology from the Gregorian and a degree in psychology from the Salesianum.

On Oct. 1, 1969, he is sent to St. Julian's Formation House as assistant to theology students. On Oct. 1, 1970, he moved to the Paradise House, serving as a teacher at the San Zeno Theological Studio, at the Borgo Trento Hospital Boarding School and as a consultant psychologist for the formation houses. On September 16, 1971, he is transferred to the House of Formation in Castellanza (VA). On December 1, 1976, he has the post of chaplain at the Orthopedic Trauma Center (C.T.O.) in Milan.

On July 12, 1977 he was appointed superior of Castellanza and director of aspirants, confirmed for the following three-year term. On May 2, 1980, he was appointed provincial counselor for formation. On Oct. 15, 1983, he is sent to Verona San Giuliano as secretary of the Provincial Vocations Center (CPV), in charge of adult vocations and the internal magazine *Missione Camilliana*. Meanwhile, he attends a course in Clinical Pastoral Care (CPE).

In March 1984 he moved, also in Verona, to the house of St. Leonard for the accompaniment of adult vocations. On June 19, 1985, he was appointed superior in the Cremona Hospital chaplaincy. On July 12, 1986 he moved to the house of Mottinello in Rossano Veneto (VI) as superior - later confirmed - and as director of the minor seminary; in July 1987 he also became its bursar, but with the summer of 1988 the seminary was closed.

In 1992 he was appointed director of the Pastoral Center of Verona San Giuliano, and from November 1, 1995, also chaplain at the RSA of Villa Monga. On July 24, 1998, he was again appointed superior at Mottinello, with the task of continuing pastoral health formation. He is confirmed as superior in July 2001.

On June 23, 2004, he was appointed house superior in Bologna, then chaplain at the Rizzoli Orthopedic Institutes and, since Nov. 1, 2005, parish administrator of St. Michael in Bosco Parish.

On July 1, 2007, he is transferred to Ca' Foncello Hospital in Treviso as chaplain. On Feb. 1, 2009, he is transferred to the Venice-Alberoni House also as chaplain.

On May 27, 2016, he passed to the Verona San Giuliano community, at rest, having suffered serious health problems with his eyes in recent years. He died suddenly on the morning of July 7, 2022.

P. Flavius was the model of a diligent, committed, studious seminarian, dedicated to his own formation, and for this reason sent to study by superiors who indicated that he was particularly suited to the field of formation. Orphaned by his father since he was a boy, his affective dimension remained somewhat behind the scenes, favoring the intellectual one, however appreciating companionship and conversation. After theology and psychology, he had also taken philosophy courses at the Catholic University in Castellanza, later discontinued. At a time in history when the minor seminary formula was increasingly entering a crisis, he sought to make up for the shortcomings of traditional education with the contribution of psychology. In addition to the traditional seminary, he found himself pursuing adult vocations, with all the surprises and frustrations involved. His greatest personal satisfactions - which allowed him to give voice to longings of the personality that had remained in the shadows - came in giving courses in dialogue and helping relationships to volunteer groups, also experimenting in massage therapy. Finally, there was no shortage of opportunities to exercise the new knowledge in his pastoral visits to hospital wards. His life as an all-around Camillian reserved for him at the end the bitterest dish, that of his own illness, a major blindness due to diabetes, an excessive bill to pay for being able to honor at the table the pleasure of companionship.

May the Lord receive him to celebrate with all his saints in his eternal dwelling place of light and love.