



Father Alberto Orsini

Camillian Religious

of the Roman Province

Born June 16, 1937, in Rome

Returned to the House of the Father on Sept. 1, 2022, in Rome (Osp. A. Gemelli)

*Through death, God does not absorb man,
But it expands its existence by making it eternal.*

Fr. Alberto Orsini was born in Rome on June 16, 1937, the last of 8 children (7 brothers and 1 sister), to Pietro and Elisabetta Bianchini. He entered the Order on July 22, 1948 and professed temporary vows on October 7, 1953 and perpetual vows in 1958. Taking a licentiate in Dogmatic Theology at the P. U. Gregorian he was ordained as a priest on July 10, 1960 and was sent as his first assignment in 1961 to St. Camillus parish in Rome as *assistant to Catholic Action aspirants*. On Dec. 21 of the same year he will go to the community of Loreto (Ancona) as *assistant to the boys of the pedagogical medical institute*. In May 1962 he will return to St. Camillus Parish in Rome as house *bursar* and return to work *with young people*. In May 1968 he will be back in Loreto as *bursar*; after only 7 months he will be transferred to Villa Sacra Famiglia in Rome as *assistant to aspirants*.

Two months later, on Dec. 15, 1968, he began his long season as *hospital chaplain at St. John's Hospital* in Rome. In January 1969 he was in the San Camillo Village in Sassari and in November 1971 at the San Camillo Shrine in Bucchianico (CH). In 1972, to his regret, he was returned to Rome as *chaplain of St. Camillus Hospital*, and in 1977 he was appointed community *bursar*. On Sept. 5, 1983, he was transferred to *St. John's Hospital* in Rome as chaplain and *bursar*, and in 1992 he was appointed community *superior of St. Camillus Hospital* in Rome. On June 15, 1995, he is appointed *provincial counselor* and confirmed *superior* in the community of *St. Camillus Hospital*. On June 16, 1998, he went to *St. James Hospital* in Rome as *superior*, and in 1999, again with his brother Francis, he took charge of the chaplaincy of *Spallanzani Hospital* in Rome. In 2004 he returns again to *St. Camillus Hospital* as chaplain, where he will remain until the end.

For eight years he had been suffering from a sore on his right leg that could be cured with a graft done in Lucca in the Hospital of the Ministries of the Infirm. His health condition deteriorated with other ailments especially since december 2017, remaining permanently bedridden assisted and lovingly accompanied by the brethren of the hospital community. in 2022 after mid-August, due to a urinary infection, his health condition deteriorated further. After a short hospitalization, he asked to be housed at the *Italian Hospital Group clinic of Villa Sacra Famiglia*, however, after a few days he had to be hospitalized again at Agostino Gemelli Hospital in Rome, and on September 1, 2022 at 6:00 a.m. , he died of septicemia in the urology department.

Of Father Albert, there remains the memory of a cheerful person, passionate about his charisma, gentle with the sick and their empathetic listener; a leader, he was capable of intelligently engaging others, and so he put this charisma of his to good use as an animator and dragger of young people and hospital staff, especially through sports; an avid reader of novels, especially *Wilbur Addison Smith*, and a lover of contact with nature; he always carried out the task of *bursar* masterfully and was a person who showed how to contribute in a practical way to the implementation of the Camillian charism. One cannot, not to mention of Fr. Albert the fact that he almost always shared his life with his brother Francis, forming an inseparable and close-knit couple.

May God receive him among His beloved *Sons of Light* and Charity into His Kingdom of Infinite Love and Freedom.

