

# Father Giancarlo Renso

*"Well good and faithful servant, you have been faithful in little, I will give you authority over many, take part in the joy of your master".*

With a heart full of faith and pain, we report that at 05.30 in our Hospital of Negrar, Fr Giancarlo Renso, has completed his earthly journey.

Fr. Giancarlo called as "*Padrecito*," due to his sickness, from this summer, was residing in our community of the Citadel of Charity at Negrar.

He was born at Bovolone (Verona) on November 4, 1933. He entered the house of the Opera by September 1945 in Maguzzano (Bs); and became Religious on 7 October 1954, and was ordained priest on 12 July 1959. He lived his obedience in the houses of: *Città del Ragazzo* (Ferrara), parish of Madonna di Campagna (Verona). Then, eager to reach the Gospel and the charism of St. John Calabria in the mission land, in 1964, he had left for Brazil precisely, in Porto Alegre. The following year the providence sent him in the Spanish language mission. With his example of serene abandonment, welcoming nature and dedication to the Opera he worked there until 2012, in various communities such as: Salto, Florida, Lavalleja (Uruguay); Laferrere, Reconquista (Argentina); Ciudad del Este, Concepcion, Asuncion (Paraguay); with two intervals, from 1967 to 1973 in Brazil in Porto Alegre, and from 1975 to 1982 in Italy in the Casa di Costozza (Vicenza).

In 2012 his weakening health forced him to return permanently to Italy. He lived in the Mother House at San Zeno in Monte, always available for daily Eucharist, prayer, confession and spiritual direction.

His funeral mass will be celebrated on Thursday, December 7th at 2.30 pm at the Mother House Chapel, in Verona, via San Zeno in Monte, 23. He will be buried in the cemetery at Maguzzano, Spirituality House (Bs).

The entire Calabrian family share with all his relatives, the pain for the loss of the dear Fr. Giancarlo. We thank the heavenly Father for the gift of his presence in the Opera and entrusts him to His tender Mercy.