

Br. Guglielmo Corbo

Alfonso Corbo was born in Forenza, Italy on December 13, 1939. He entered the novitiate of the Capuchin Province of Naples in Arienzo, Caserta on September 11, 1957 when he took on the religious name of Br. Guglielmo. On September 17, 1961 he professed his perpetual vows and was ordained to the priesthood on March 26, 1966. In 1969, he obtained a Licentiate in Theology at the Pontifical Institute of "Saint Alfonso" in Naples. After his priestly ordination he was vice-director of the Capuchin Minor Seminary in Nola from 1966 to 1967.

In 1967 to 1968 he was Associate Pastor at Soccavo. In 1969, he arrived in Canada where he worked as an Associate Pastor of the Italian immigrant community at St. Philip Neri Parish in Downsview, Ontario until 2000. During this time, he received, guided and assisted thousands of Italian immigrants to Toronto and the surrounding areas.

In 2000, he was appointed Pastor of St. Bernard of Clairvaux Parish in Toronto where he worked with generosity and dedication until his departure due to illness in January 2011. In his priestly years he fostered devotion to Padre Pio and the Blessed Virgin Mary entitled Santa Maria delle Grazie. On their feastdays, large crowds of devotees gathered for Mass and procession around the Church. The feasts would continue with pasta and wine and brought families together in joyful reunion and celebration.

On December 6, 2017 he returned to the Father's house after a long and courageous struggle with Parkinson's disease at the age of 78. On December 11, Br. Guglielmo's body was received by his Capuchin brothers at St. Philip Neri parish. People from the surrounding areas came to give their final adieu to a priest who was always available in their time of need. Bishop John Corriveau celebrated his funeral mass on December 12, 2017. His cremated remains were laid to rest in Evergreen cemetery next to his Capuchin brothers in Blenheim, Ontario.

