

Fr.PEREGO GIOVANNI (Battista)

Born on August 29, 1912 in Ayrno, Como, Italy. With the warm love of her parents and siblings, he attended and graduated from elementary school in Ayrno. After graduating from elementary school, he trained in dressmaking, a skill he would use throughout his life.

From 1931 to 1935, he attended junior high school at the Cardinal Cagliero Aspirantate in Ivrea. He was Clothing at the same aspirantate under Fr. Serie on July 24, 1935. He came to Japan as a missionary on December 16, 1935, and began his novitiate at the Tokyo novitiate. After a year of novitiate, he professed his first vows on December 29, 1936. He committed himself to dedicating his body and soul to God and his life to serving the youth of Japan.

He studied philosophy for two years, from 1937 to 1938.

From 1938 to 1989, he served as an assistant at Nakatsu Training Center (the predecessor of the St. Joseph, an orphanage for children).

From 1939 to 1941, he spent an intermediate period at Miyazaki Senior Seminary, where he renewed his fixed-term vows on December 29, 1939.

After completing his practical training in 1941, he returned to Tokyo and studied philosophy until the following year, 1942. On November 8 of that year, he made a lifelong commitment to theology at Tokyo Theological Seminary.

From 1942 to 1946, he devoted himself to the study of theology.

He was ordained a priest on December 22, 1945.

From 1846 to 1847, he was assigned to Miyazaki Senior Seminary, where he worked as a pastor, assistant, and catechist.

From 1947 to September 1948, he served as assistant at Nakatsu Church and as an assistant at Nakatsu Training Center.

From 1948 to 1963, he worked at Tokyo Salesio Gakuen, an orphanage for children, where he became a hearing priest and head dressmaking instructor, devoting himself to providing vocational guidance to children at an orphanage. Many young people graduated with the skills to master dressmaking.

In 1963, he began working at Nakatsu Don Bosco School, where he served as a confessor and head dressmaking instructor.

Some graduates of Nakatsu Don Bosco School also make a living as dressmakers. The dressmaking room was home to many small birds, including Java sparrows and canaries. She also had the skills to raise small birds.

He had been in and out of Shindenbaru Seibo Hospital for over 20 years, but during his hospital stays he would use his Western-style dressmaking skills to create cultural

embroidery and teach it to other patients at the hospital and to local parishioners.

Fr. Secchi shares an unexpected anecdote about Father Perego: "He was my barber since I was a seminary student. Whenever I asked him for a haircut, he would respond immediately. He was a man of action, not words." He also placed great importance on the Divine Office.

In his later years, he would get the days of the week wrong and read the same passage over and over again.

Fr. Secchi says that when he suggested that he stop praying the Divine Office and start praying the Rosary instead, he replied, "The Divine Office is an important duty for a priest, so I can't stop." A few years ago, he was no longer able to pray the important Divine Office. He could no longer pray Mass, which he had previously devoutly offered, and began to recite the Rosary every day. The nurses and Sisters(Nuns) at Shindenbaru Seibo Hospital were deeply impressed.

In June 1998, he was unable to urinate due to a urethral blockage at Shindenbaru Seibo Hospital and was transferred to the urology department of Nakatsu National Hospital for treatment. On July 9th, he was given the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. He was hospitalized in the ward for one month.

He was then hospitalized in the internal medicine ward until October 30th. His appetite gradually decreased and he was put on intravenous drips. Due to Parkinson's disease, he would shake his body in small movements, which irritated his sensitive skin and caused bedsores.

On October 30th, he was transferred to Shindenbaru Seibo Hospital.

At around 7:40 AM on December 4th, we received word from Shindenbaru Seibo Hospital that Fr.Perego's condition had changed, so everyone rushed to the hospital, administered the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick , and recited the Rosary.

At 3:45 AM on December 5th, four people rushed to the school after receiving word from Shindenbaru Seibo Hospital that Fr.Perego had stopped breathing. At 3:48 AM, his soul was returned to God. Conditionally, they administered the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and recited the Rosary. At around 7:10 AM, Fr.Perego's body was taken to the Nakatsu Don Bosco school chapel.

Fr.Perego's 20-plus years of bedridden life were a way of living the cross of Jesus, a bedside Mass, and a work of penance.