

# APOSTOLIC VICARIATE OF NORTHERN ARABIA

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**Prot. No. 10/2020.**

**DATE: 14-APRIL-2020**

**To all Priests, Religious, and Lay Faithful**  
of the Apostolic Vicariate of **Northern Arabia.**



**H. E. Bishop Camillo Ballin, MCCJ.**  
**Apostolic Vicar of Northern Arabia**



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Just now, we have received the latest details of the Funeral of our Bishop Camillo Ballin from the Superior General of the Congregation of Comboni Missionaries in Rome, Italy. The details is as follows:

On 12 April, Easter Sunday, at 10.00 pm Mons. Ballin breathed his last. The doctor phoned around 10.30 to inform them.

Yesterday, 13 April, they went to see the body, to organize things, to have him dressed and to get information with funeral agency about what was possible to do. They were informed that the body can be taken to his village, Fontaniva, near Padova, where his family wants to have him. Yesterday, being a public holiday in Italy, the offices were closed and they couldn't organize anything. *SEE PAGE -2.*



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Today, 14 April, it will be the day to make the funeral arrangements with the agency, to get the necessary documents to travel and to pray at the mortuary, only one person at a time.

Tomorrow, 15 April, Wednesday, Mons. Camillo Ballin will be taken to his own village. Nobody is allowed to travel with the coffin. On the same day, before leaving Rome, the funeral car will pass at the General House of the Comboni Missionaries for a farewell prayer. Then, the trip to Fontaniva continues.

Arriving at his place, around 4.00 pm, the restricted family only will be receiving the body and will place it in the family tomb. He will not be buried, but placed on the tomb of the family.

When time will be better, the funeral can be organized and a proper celebration to pray for Mons. Camillo Ballin with the presence of the people.

This is what we can you the details for the moment.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Dr. Antony Lopez, OFM Cap. JCD.  
Chancellor & Eccl. Judge – AVONA.



- cc:**
1. His Grace Archbishop Francisco M. Padilla, Apostolic Nuncio;
  2. His Excellency Bishop Paul Hinder, OFM Cap., DD., AVOSA;
  3. His Eminence Oswald Cardinal Gracias, Archbishop of Bombay;
  4. His Beatitude George Cardinal Alencherry, Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church;
  5. Rev. Fr. Paul Koenig, Capuchin Custos of the General Custody of Arabia, The Middle East;
  6. Very Rev. Fr. Tesfaye Tadesse Geberesilasie mscj., Superior General of the Congregation of the Comboni Missionaries, Rome;
  7. Parish Priests, Clergy & Religious of the AVONA.