The little priest, named 3P, was born in Brancaccio (a suburban quarter in Palermo) on 15th September 1937. He was the son of a shoemaker and a dressmaker. He was killed by Mafia on 15th September 1993, on the very day of his 56th birthday while he was returning home.

He entered the seminary in 1953 and was made a priest by Cardinal E. Ruffini on 2nd July 1960.

Since the very beginning of his ministry he was attracted by the social problems of the poorest and most marginalized areas of Palermo. In 1978 he became pro-rector of Palermo Seminary and one year later he was appointed director of “ Centro Diocesano Vocazioni” (Diocesan Vocation Centre). In 1983 he was in charge of “Centro Regionale Vocazioni” (Regional Vocation Centre) and joined the National Council as well. He also taught Maths and later Religion in several schools. He passionately devoted himself to young people’s Christian and human education organizing various activities for them.

On 29th September 1990 he was established parish priest at San Gaetano Parish in Brancaccio. Being aware of the problems of that area, he devoted himself to the children and teen-agers who had already been enrolled by Mafia trying to bring them back to the principles of legality, justice and Christianity. He adopted a method which exalted the human and personal qualities of the young together with Christ’s message. It was this activity of his that caused his death as it has been proved during the trial in which his killers were condemned and arrested.

On 15th September 1999 Cardinal Salvatore De Giorgi set up a diocesan ecclesiastic court whose task was to acknowledge don Giuseppe Puglisi’s martyrdom. His life and death testified his faithfulness to the only Lord and made it clear that Mafia and the Lord’s Gospel are absolutely incompatible

On 25th May 2013 he was beatified.

The expression “home-museum” should not be misleading. The word “home” is meant as the hearth and home, where the family members live, interact and welcome the dear ones.

Blessed Giuseppe Puglisi’s house on the whole together with the Piazzale ( the place of his martyrdom, where Padre Puglisi resembled Christ with his “ I was Expecting that”)make up an ideal place where you meet God, where your faith grows and also your concern for the poor.

Padrer Puglisi lived in this flat together with his parents from 1969 to 1982.He returned here in 1986 and, after his mother’s death he went on living here with his father until 1992 when his father died too. He went on living in this house on his own until the day of his murder.

In this house there are books, furniture,clothes, vestments and objects belonging to Blessed Giuseppe Puglisi and his parents, with whom he lived for many years. These objects help us evoke the past together with the present and the future and give us an idea of what Padre Pino Puglisi’s life was like. The simplicity and sobriety of these objects make us understand how little Padre Puglisi considered all these objects and how much he valued books ( inside his house there were about 6000 of them which were later moved to Seminario Diocesano).

Blessed Giuseppe Puglisi chose to live in poverty as his house testifies. It was not difficult for him to get rid of everything to embrace Christ on the Cross and so witnessing his faith in God.

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You are here in “Blessed Giuseppe Puglisi’s Home-Museum”.

Padre Pino Puglisi lived here in piazzale Anita Garibaldi with his parents from 1969 to 1982.He returned here in 1986 and, after his mother’s death he went on living here with his father until 1992 when his father died too. From that date to 15th May 1993, date of his murder just in front of his house, he went on living in this house on his own.

What you can see here, furniture, books, clothes, vestments, personal objects, pèictures, they all belonged to the Puglisi Family.

Since 31st January 2014 the apartement has been owned by the Charity “Centro di Accoglienza Padre Nostro Onlus” (Our Father Welcoming Centre) which was founded by Father Pino Puglisi himself in Brancaccio on 16th July 1991.