



*“Faith in the resurrection
opens up fraternal communion
beyond the threshold of death ...”.*
(RoL 24)



Today, 09 March 2021 at 06.00am
at the hospital of Negrar di Valpolicella (VR), our sister
ANNA MARIA, Sr ANGELICA MALFATTO
returned to the Father’s House.
She was 91years old and 68 years of Religious Life.

“Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour”. While we entrust our sister Angelica to Father’s Mercy, we can hear in the words of the psalmist from today's liturgy, the desire for fidelity that inhabited her as a Pastorella, and her trust in the salvation that comes from the Lord.

Anna Maria was born on 22 September 1929 in Lendinara (RO), the fourth of five children, and baptized on 06 October 1929 in Lendinara in the parish of Santa Sofia.

She entered the Congregation on 22 August 1947 in Genzano (RM). On 7 October 1953 in Massa Martana (PG), after a course of spiritual exercises, Anna Maria, together with a group of the first Pastorelle Sisters, made her simple and public vows in the hands of Blessed Alberione, though, the date of her first vows made on 12 June 1953 in Capoliveri (LI) remained valid. With the religious profession, she took the name of Sr Angelica. She made her perpetual profession on 02 August 1958 in Albano Laziale-Mother House.

Sr Angelica is described as a sister with an ever-smiling face, cheerful and jovial with everyone. She was a generous person and punctual in her commitments. She tried to give the best of herself in everything she did, even though at times her outspoken character created some relational difficulties. In the apostolate, she loved to dedicate herself to kindergarten children, herself being able to become like a "child" with the children. Visiting families and the care of the sick were pastoral areas that she privileged as opportunities to share the joy of her belonging to Jesus Good Shepherd. She used her bicycle to reach the farthest places of the parish to bring the Eucharist and showing concern for the elderly and the sick and making them feel her closeness.

Sr Angelica performed her apostolate mainly through her teaching in kindergartens in the following communities: 1948 Marciana Alta (LI); 1949 Transacqua (TN); 1950 Tonadico (TN); 1951 Cardinal (CZ); 1953 again in Capoliveri and Transacqua. 1961 Polpet (BL). 1965 Vicenza - Sant'Agostino; 1969 Novoledo (VI). In 1973, she was in Albano Laziale – Mother House to study, while in 1974 she went to

Diano S. Pietro (IM) as a trainee in Kindergarten teaching. She resumed teaching in 1975 in Civè di Correzzola (PD); 1976 Adria (RO); 1977 Cesano Maderno (MI); 1978 Bonavigo (VR); 1987 Corbola (RO). In 1995, she was in Negrar for a sabbatical year. In 1996 she was a member of the community of Vicenza - S. Agostino fulfilling various responsibilities; in 1997 again in Negrar; 1998 in Sestri Levante (GE). She returned definitely to Negrar in 2013.

In these days, Covid-19 also entered our community of Negrar and Sr Angelica was one of the infected sisters. Despite the care lavished on her by the community of Negrar and later in the hospital, Sr Angelica passed away. We thank the Good Shepherd for all these years of Sr Angelica's fidelity to the life and mission as a Pastorella and we entrust to her intercession the vaccination campaign for the whole world that it may be carried out in solidarity between peoples and with respect for the weakest.

Sr Aminta Sarmiento Puentes

Superior General

Rome, 09 March 2021

Saint Frances of Rome