



*"Faith in the resurrection
opens us to fraternal communion
beyond the threshold of death ...".
(RoL 24)*



Today 7 March 2014, at 2:40 p.m.,
in the community of Albano Laziale (RM) – Mother House, our sister

CLOTILDE SR PACIS SORRENTINO

returned to the Father's house
at the age of 70 and 47 years of religious life

In the Eucharistic liturgy on the first Friday of Lent, the Entrance antiphon we prayed:
"Hear o Lord, have mercy on me; Lord be my helper" (Psalm 30:11). This invocation fittingly expresses the confidence of Sr. Clotilde in Jesus the Good Shepherd, that although she has been ill for some time, she unexpectedly passed from this world to the Father.

Born July 22, 1943 in Caccamo (PA), Clotilde is the fourth of five children. She entered the Congregation on 21 July, 1965, at Albano Laziale (RM) – casa madre. She entered the novitiate on 2 September 1965 and made her First Profession on 3 September 1966, taking the name of Sr. Pacis. On 3 September 1971 she celebrated her perpetual profession in Albano.

She carried out her mission in the following parishes from 1966 to 2011: Valle S. Giorgio (PD), Caltagirone (CT); Borgorose (RI), Reggio Calabria; Statte (TA); Castellammare - Annunziatella (NA) S. Angelo di Celle (PG); Massa Martana (PG); Taranto; Ricadi (VV).

Inserted in the community of Casa madre for health reasons, May 5, 2011, Sr. Clotilde, drew her spiritual testament in which she expressed the desire that on her death, nothing should be written about her. Respecting her will, we quote what she wrote:

"I feel the need to say thanks to God for giving me parents who loved me and brought me to the baptismal font to be a Christian in the Catholic faith, I belong to Christ and the Church. I ask forgiveness from God and from anyone whom I encountered in life for not being a Christian according to the heart of Christ. Even more, God has bound me to himself with the religious consecration. I praise Him, bless him and love him for such a great gift of which I have never felt worthy. God has loved me always, as I am!"

Thank you, because I entered the Institute of the Sisters of Jesus Good Shepherd. I am happy to be a Pastorella sister. I always treasured in my heart the Congregation, the parishes, the poor, all the priests of the world, the families, children, the youth, the elderly, the Church's holiness, the sinners of the whole world. I ask forgiveness to all the sisters who have put up with my faults, my character; I too, ask forgiveness from the heart those who did me wrong, I want them to be with me in Paradise.

The Lord is my Shepherd and with Him I have no fear; He alone probes and knows me. Thank you, my God, I love you so much! Thank you for your infinite mercy for me, thank you for having given me Mary as mother. I offer my life for the holiness of the whole Church and for the conversion of all sinners.

Do not write anything about me at my death, my life is written in the heart of Christ and Mary. I tried to practice and proclaim the Gospel and to accept the joys and sorrows that the Lord has given me, sometimes with difficulty, but with hope in my heart that God was with me and kept repeating: "Fear not, I am with you." Thank you Lord for the gift of life. Thank you for your love for me. I love you so much! I loved you all and thank you for everything you have given me."

Thank you, Sister Clotilde, remember us together with all the Pastorelle of Heaven so that in this Centenary year of the Pauline Family, we may live fruitfully the gift of the pastoral charism.

Sr Marta Finotelli
Superior general

Rome, 7 March 2014

Holy Martyrs, Sts. Perpetua and Felicity