



*Faith in the resurrection  
opens us to fraternal communion,  
beyond the threshold of death”  
(RdV 24)*



Today, 10 February 2020 at 16.30 pm (local time)  
in the community of Albano Laziale (RM) – Mother House,  
our sister, **GIUSEPPINA SR ENRICA ORLER**  
returned to the Father’s House.

She was 92 years old and 73 years of Religious Life

While the Church celebrated the memorial of St Scholastica and the psalm proclaimed: *“Let us go to his dwelling place; let us worship at his footstool”*, Sr Enrica entered the house of God, with serenity and abandonment, after a long life spent in adoration of Jesus Good Shepherd and at the service of pastoral ministry.

Giuseppina was born on 12 March 1927 at Mezzano di Primiero (TN), in a large family, the tenth of 13 children, and baptized on 19 March 1927 in the parish church of San Giorgio in her hometown.

At Genzano (RM), the first house owned by the Pastorelle sisters, Giuseppina entered the Congregation on 30 August 1941 and began her novitiate on 29 May 1945. She made her first religious profession on 30 May 1946, taking the name of sr Enrica, and her perpetual profession on 30 May 1951.

Sr Enrica was one “of the First Hour” sisters – who, on 07 October 1953 at Massa Martana (PG), after a course of spiritual exercises, together with the first Pastorelle sisters, made simple and public vows in the hands of Blessed Giacomo Alberione, while remaining valid the date of the first vows of 30 May 1946.

Over the years, she lived in the following communities: 1942 Capoliveri (LI); 1943-1944 Puos D’Alpago (BL); 1945-1946 Genzano. In 1947, she left for Brazil where she was on mission for three years at San Paolo – Vila Mariana – mainly involved in kindergarten teaching. She returned to Italy in 1950 and went to Transacqua (TN); in 1951, she was in Bussi sul Trino (PE). In 1952 at Casorzo (AT), where she was superior of the community. In 1953, she returned to Albano Laziale – Mother House – for further studies. In 1954, she continued her apostolic ministry at Cinte Tesino (TN); in 1955-1960 at Cassina De’ Pecchi (MI) and from 1961-1966 at Saliceto Panaro (MO) where she was involved in pre-vocational ministry as well as being the superior of the community. The sisters

testify to her constant closeness and attention towards school age children, making herself well-liked by all of them. Most of these young people, having grown up and married, maintained a friendship with Sr Enrica until the very end, often ringing her to share the events touching their lives. They showed her affection and gratitude for the good received, and they even came to visit her at Albano.

In 1967, she transferred to Turin - San Giulio. In 1968 to Solara (MO), where she carried out both the role of superior of the community and the direction of the parish kindergarten run by the Pastorelle sisters. The sisters attest that Sr Enrica's maternal care for all, especially for children, aroused great respect and good collaboration with the parish priest and families. The sisters supported her in her commitment, thus making the community a welcoming space and their life a credible testimony to all who approached them.

In 1972, she returned to Albano Laziale - Mother House – and there performed various tasks. In 1973, she moved to Sant'Angelo di Celle (PG); in 1974-1976, she carried out pastoral ministry in Santa Lucia di Fiamignano (RI); in 1977-1987, she returned to Albano Laziale - Mother House, where she fulfilled the service of treasurer of the community until 1982. Moreover, in 1978 she obtained a diploma in general nursing, a qualification that allowed her to be at the service of the sisters. In 1988, she was in Bussi sul Tirino (PE) as superior of the community. In 1989, she returned to Albano Laziale - Mother House, again where she carried out various tasks with generosity and care. Sr Enrica showed a particular attention for young women in formation and prayed for them, especially for her "goddaughter" in Venezuela – who is now perpetually professed - with whom she kept in touch; a friendship that made her attentive and interested in the political and social situation of that country.

We thank the community of Albano who during this time cared for Sr Enrica with dedication and love and we entrust our sister to the Father's Mercy asking through her intercession, good and holy vocations for our Congregation and for the Church.

Dear Sr Enrica, we wish to farewell you with part of the prayer to the divine Heart of Jesus that you loved and lived with intensity in your last days. *Divine Heart of Jesus; grant me the grace to live always according to your will, both in the most beautiful, most joyful and most important times of my life, as in the difficult times. Help me to place myself fully in your hands and to abandon myself, like a small child, in your holy peace. In your infinite goodness and in your great mercy, oh Jesus, remember me. Amen.*

*Sr Aminta Sarmiento Puentes  
Superior General*

*Rome, 10 February 2020  
Saint Scholastica, memorial*