



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



Today, 26 September 2020 at 7.00am
in the community of Negrar, our sister
FABIA, Sr MARIA ELISABETTA FERRO
returned to the Father's House.
She was 80 years old and 59 years of Religious Life

In the words of the Psalmist from today's liturgy: *In the morning fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days*, we see reflected the spirit of prayer, the joy and the fraternal love lived by Sr Fabia in every season of her life and in her mission as a Pastorella.

Fabia, was the last of eight children. She was born on 29 April 1940 in Conche (PD) and baptized in the Parish of Santa Maria della Neve in her hometown on 04 May 1940. She entered the Congregation on 07 October 1959, in Albano Laziale - Mother House, and the novitiate on 02 September 1960. She made her first profession on 03 September 1961 and her perpetual profession on 03 September 1966.

After her first profession, Fabia was sent to Saliceto Panaro (MO) and after her perpetual profession to Bettola di Peschiera Borromeo (MI). From 1978 to 1980, she remained in Albano Laziale - Mother House, for a period of study that she would later continue in Vicenza - Immaculate Heart. In 1981, she was sent to Pieve di Campo (PG) for a year of internship for kindergarten teaching.

In 1982, she was engaged in educational ministry in Soave Mantovano (MN) and in 1983 in Valbona (PD) in kindergarten. In 1995, she spent a sabbatical year in Negrar. She resumed her apostolic ministry in 1996 in Grugliasco (TO); given to the pastoral care of the family and in this community, starting in 2001 she was the superior. In 2003, she was transferred to Tor San Lorenzo (RM) where she carried out various duties for as long as her health permitted it. In 2013, it became necessary for her to transfer to Negrar due to her illness.

Sr Fabia was a faith-filled sister and a person of prayer. She was humble, generous and simple. She had a good and cheerful character who loved community life. The sisters who lived with Sr Fabia in Tor San Lorenzo testify as follows: *She was always smiling; her smile was*

contagious and the people who came to our house for holidays loved her very much. Strong-willed, when she made a commitment, we were sure she would carry it out. She loved singing, joyfulness and being together. One can say that she was a true sister who loved God and her brothers and sisters.

Throughout her illness, Sr Fabia never complained and always took part in the prayer times that were organised. She accepted the experience of being ill with docility and continuous offering, always expressing gratitude with words and gestures for the services done to her. We thank the sisters who in all these years of Sr. Fabia's illness did their utmost with generosity and love to provide for her all that was necessary for her care.

Dearest Sr Fabia, as we entrust you to our Father's mercy, we thank you for your fidelity in following the Good Shepherd and for your witness of love for community life and "sisterhood". We entrust to your intercession the intentions of Pope Francis and, in particular, the acceptance by all of his new Encyclical on human fraternity "Fratelli tutti".

Sr Aminta Sarmiento Puentes
Superior General

Rome, 26 September 2020
Saints Cosmas and Damian