



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



Today, 10 June 2021 at 10.30am,
at Negrar di Valpolicella (VR) hospital, our sister

FERNANDA, SR M. ANGELINA ZAMPINI

returned to the Father’s House.

She was 83 years old and 59 years of Religious Life.

As we prayed the communion antiphon of today's liturgy: *The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my rock where I take refuge*, our sister Fernanda returned to the Father's House serenely and peacefully. During her almost sixty years of generous gift of self as a Pastorella, Sr Fernanda has placed her trust in the Lord, the Good Shepherd, her rock, her fortress and refuge.

Fernanda was born on 25 September 1937 in Verona. She was baptized in Verona in the Church of Sant'Orsola on 28 September 1937. She entered the Congregation on 02 September 1958 in Albano Laziale - Mother House and the novitiate on 02 September 1960. She made her first profession on 03 September 1961 and remained in Albano Laziale where she was responsible for catechesis in the Diocese. She made her perpetual profession on 03 September 1966. In her letter for admission to perpetual vows, she expressed herself as follows: *I am convinced to be called by God in this Congregation that I love and respect deeply and to which I want to give myself totally. In it, I am sure, the path to holiness is well mapped out and the means to reach it are abundant.*

Fernanda had a meek, docile, generous, happy, simple, good, sociable, diligent character and she was a lover of community life; she was capable of bringing holy joy. She had a great love for the Congregation and was generous in the apostolate. The sisters thus testify of her: *she had a great love for her vocation of Pastorella. In the long years in which she collaborated in the service of government, both at the general and provincial levels, she has always been available seeking the good for all, open to supporting new ways in order to walk in the spirit of Blessed Alberione. She was always ready to collaborate and open to dialogue.*

In addition to being Assistant to the novices from 1961-1971, she generously and with dedication carried out services in the General Government. She was General Secretary from 1969 to 1975 in Albano Laziale – Mother House and served as a General Councillor for two terms from 1975 – 1987; the first sexennial in Albano Laziale – Mother House and the second in Rome-Eur Mostacciano.

After long years of service at the general level, she had a sabbatical year, in 1987, in Rome - Axa. Subsequently, she took on pastoral ministry in the following communities in the province of Udine: 1988 in Peonis di Trasaghis; 1993 in Manzinello di Manzano; 2000 in Oleis di Manzano, in the latter two communities, she was also the superior of the community. The sisters who shared the pastoral ministry with her testify that in these parishes of the Udine Diocese, her generous collaboration

excelled above all in the formation of the laity, in particular in the field of liturgy. Not only that, she also taught how to make celebrations beautiful thanks to the beautiful gift of her voice. She is very much remembered by numerous pastoral workers of the Diocese where she collaborated for many years in formation courses for lay people organized in Gemona (UD) and at the abbey of Rosazzo (UD) by the theologian Don Dino Pezzetta. Sr Fernanda considered building relationships with individuals and families very important. Even during her illness, from the community of Negrar, to which she had moved since last November, she followed various initiatives through social media, keeping her communication open with people until her last days and inspiring hope and awareness of her imminent encounter with the Good Shepherd.

In the year 2000, she made herself available to be part of the Congregation Economic Commission that saw the birth of the General Economic Project in 2004, from which in turn the Circumscriptions projects were born. Sr Fernanda contributed her thoughts, experience and ability to work in a group.

From 2001 to 2009, she transferred to Verona - to the ICN-MZ Provincial House, having been appointed as provincial Councillor for two terms. At the end of this intense time at the service of the Province, in 2009 she had a sabbatical year in Tor San Lorenzo (RM). She resumed her pastoral activity caring mainly for the formation of pastoral workers: 2010 in Fratta di Romans D'Isonzo (GO); 2011 in Brazzano di Cormons (GO) where she was superior of the community from 2016. In the diocese of Gorizia, after her brief experience in Fratta di Roman D'Isonzo, she lived the last years in Brazzano di Cormons where she continued her pastoral dedication and, as testified by the parish priest, Don Paolo Nutarelli, *her smile and her delicate manner allowed her to enter the hearts of many people and families. She was tireless in her pastoral activity and for as long as her strength permitted, she gave herself three hundred and sixty degrees in pastoral activity in our parishes.*

In November 2020, she moved to the community of Negrar due to her being ill and given the immediate manifestation of the seriousness of her situation. We thank the community of Negrar, all the sisters and health workers who cared for Sr Fernanda with love and dedication, who lived her illness with faith in the encounter with the Good Shepherd and in offering her suffering for the needs of the Congregation and the Church.

Sr Fernanda, in entrusting you to the Father's Mercy, we thank you for your witness as a Pastorella deeply in love with the Good Shepherd and with his People, whom you served to the end with an undivided and joyful love. We entrust to your intercession the journey of the "newly born" Province of Italy-Albania-Mozambique and for vocations for the Church and for our Pauline Family.

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Superior General

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