



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



Today 11 September 2019 at 12.00 (local time)

in the community of Negrar (Verona),

our sister **GINA TERESA SR GIOVANNA FATTORI**

returned to the Father's House.

She was 81 years old and 57 years of Religious Life

On this day in which St Paul reminded us in the liturgy, *"if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God"*, the Father called to himself our sister Giovanna, who always sought the things that are above. There, she will now contemplate the merciful face of Jesus the Good Shepherd who she followed along her 57 years of Religious Life.

Gina, the fifth of six siblings, was born on 28 October 1937 in Albaredo d'Adige (VR) and baptized in the parish of Saints Philip and James in Coriano Veronese on 14 November 1937. She entered the Congregation in Albano Laziale (RM) on 2 September 1960 and in the novitiate on 2 September 1961. She made her First Profession on 3 September 1962, taking the name of Sr Giovanna and her Perpetual Profession on 3 September 1967.

Sr Giovanna was involved in pastoral ministry in various places in Italy: after a year of training, in the kindergarten of Pressano di Lavis (TN), from 1964 to 1973 she was in Solara (MO) engaged in teaching. Then in two towns in the province of Trent, first at Transacqua (1973 - 1978) and later at Albiano (1979 - 1991), As well as being involved in the educational field, through teaching in the kindergarten, she also served as superior of the community.

In 1992, Sr Giovanna lived in Rome - Axa for study purposes. In 1993, she resumed apostolic ministry in Frassino (MN) and from 1994 to 2006 in Medolla (MO) where she was responsible for the formation of pastoral workers. After a sabbatical period spent in the Negrar (VR), she went to St Pious X parish, Modena, where she was involved in family ministry.

Sr Giovanna was a sister with a strong sense of belonging to the Congregation and a person of prayer, who loved to live the Pauline poverty. She had a meek and reserved character but she was also sociable and this characterized her to the end, in a constant way, with serenity, which she expressed also through joyful singing. She always had a keen desire to discover her family roots and whenever she visited her family, she took the opportunity to reconstruct the list of her ancestors.

From 2008 until the day she died, due her poor health, she was transferred to Negrar. The seriousness of her illness was recognized from the start, but thanks to the sisters' care of her, she was able to gradually accept it and entrust herself to the Good Shepherd. We thank the sisters for the years they looked after Sr Giovanna with patience, dedication and much love.

We entrust Sr Giovanna to the Father's mercy. We ask her to intercede for the journey of our Congregation and for the XI General Chapter of the Daughters of Saint Paul, so that it may produce the fruits desired by Jesus Master and Shepherd for the good of the Church and the Family Pauline.

Sr Aminta Sarmiento Puentes
Superior General

Rome, 11 September 2019