



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



Today, 9 December 2017 at 9.45pm
in the community of Negrar (VR)
our sister GIUSEPPINA AMBROSO
returned to our Father's House.
She was 79 years old and 58 years of Religious Life.

On the vigil of the second Sunday of Advent, the words of the collect still echoing in the heart of the Church: *"Grant to us, who await with faith the gift of your love, to reach the reward of true freedom"*. Sr Giuseppina, who awaited with faith the gift of the Shepherd's love, was called by the Father to receive the reward of true freedom.

Giuseppina was born on 17 March 1938 at S. Pietro di Morubio (VR) and baptized on 24 March of the same year in Bonavicina (VR), in the parish of Ss. Filippo e Giacomo. Giuseppina was the third of five children: three brothers and one sister. She was born and raised in a religious family that she described at her 50th anniversary of Religious profession in these words: *"It is so spontaneous for me to thank the Lord for giving me, since my childhood, a religious family: parents and grandparents who have educated me in the faith and Christian values. I remember well that from my tender age, at night together with my sister and my brothers, we never missed to pray the holy Rosary. From the day we were born, my family enrolled us to be members of the Catholic Action...and that's how my vocation to be a Pastorella was born, to follow more closely Jesus Good Shepherd Way, Truth and Life"*.

Giuseppina entered the Congregation on 2 September 1956 in Albano Laziale, Mother House. She entered the novitiate on 2 September 1958 and made her first profession in Albano Laziale, Mother House on 3 September 1959, taking the name of Sr. Maria Fiorangela.

Sr. Giuseppina was as a sister gifted with an excellent religious spirit, open, sociable, cheerful, frank and with a great love for the Congregation. A talented person and a patient educator.

Following her first profession, she was assigned to her first pastoral ministry in the community of Ferrere d'Asti, where she also taught in the kindergarten. In 1960, she returned to the Mother House to study. Later she was sent to the communities of Transacqua in 1961 and Cardinale in 1962, where she put to good use her gifts of teaching in the kindergarten.

At the end of her initial formation, she asked to be admitted to her perpetual profession and in her application, she manifested her love for Jesus Good Shepherd in these words: *"I am ready to follow him with all the love and enthusiasm of my heart. Whatever the cost, I want to follow him faithfully, wherever and however he may lead me. Although the path may be difficult and hard.... I trust in God's grace and mercy"*. Sr Giuseppina made her perpetual profession at Albano, Mother House, on 3 September 1964.

In 1965, after her perpetual profession, she went to the community of Pieve d'Alpago where she held various positions and remained there until 1970 when she moved to Gizzeria where she served as superior of the community. In 1973, she returned to Albano, Casa Madre to undertake studies in nursing and, in 1975, she graduated as a professional nurse. In the same year, she went to the community of Farra di Feltre and in 1979, she was also nominated superior of the community. In 1992 she lived a sabbatical year in Rome-Axa and from 1993 to 2005 she carried out her ministry in Trento at "Tambosi" kindergarten as a teacher and doing pastoral care of families. Here, in 1996, she was superior of the community. Next, she transferred to the community at Negrar where she also carried out various services; in 2017, she was engaged in pastoral care of families in Modena, St Pio X.

Since 2014, Sr Giuseppina was a member of the community of Negrar, where she carried out small services and at the same time treated for Parkinson disease. An illness that gradually got worse and compromised her physical strength. In her last days, she was febrile, but nothing led to suspect her imminent death. In fact, Sr Giuseppina, even last night was settled as every other day, had her food served with love and dedication, a joke told, and put to bed as usual. It was in her serene sleep that Sr Giuseppina, due to a cardiac arrest, was brought before the Merciful Father and, with a watchful heart, met the Bridegroom whom she had loved and served throughout her life.

Sr Giuseppina, as we entrust you to the Father's mercy, we ask for your intercession for the needs of humanity and for the journey of communion of our Religious family. We thank the Lord for your life and your vocation as Pastorella and, thanks to the communion of saints, we share the words you addressed to the Lord on your 50th anniversary of profession: *"To you, Lord of my life, today I renew my thanks and repeat my yes"*.

*Sr Aminta Sarmiento Puentes
Superior General*

*Rome, 9 December 2017
St Siro Bishop*