



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



Today, 09 April 2020 at 2.30pm  
at the hospital in Negrar (VR)  
our sister, **ELISABETTA SR NATALINA FIORINI**  
returned to the Father's House.  
She was 89 years old and 64 years of Religious Life.

*I will sing forever of your love, O Lord.* On this Holy Thursday the Father called to himself our sister Natalina who now sings forever the love of the Lord, whom she loved and served with all her heart; witnessing fidelity to the gift of her vocation: *I will fulfill my vows to the Lord before all his people.*

Elisabetta was the last of three children. She was born on 20 July 1930 in Marola di Carpineti (RE) and baptized on 03 August 1930 in the parish of San Donnino M. at Carpineti (RE). She entered the Congregation on 18 March 1952 at Genzano (RM). She began her novitiate at Albano Laziale - Mother House on 02 September 1955, made her first profession on 03 September 1956, taking the name of Sr Natalina, and five years later, on the same date as her profession, she made her perpetual profession.

After making her profession, she was sent to various places where she carried out the pastoral ministry, as well as being the superior of some communities: from 1956 in Avellino; from 1962 in Vicenza - Immaculate Heart; from 1963 in Polpet (BL); from 1965 in Arezzo. In 1969, she transferred to Albano Laziale - Mother House, making herself available for various needs, and from 1973, she was in Rivalta sul Mincio (MN) performing various tasks.

Subsequently, in 1976 the Congregation asked Sr Natalina to put her talents to use serving as general treasurer. This role she fulfilled with competence, generosity and industriousness for two mandates, first at the Albano Laziale - Mother House, for a six-year period and then for a three-year period, starting from 1981, at Eur-Mostacciano having the Generalate been transferred from Albano Laziale to Rome - Eur Mostacciano. Towards the end of her service, she was “teacher” for the person who would replace her in this delicate role.

Immediately after, she resumed her activity in apostolic communities engaging in the pastoral care of families of the ARCO group in support of the most marginalized from 1984 in Torino - San Giulio, and from 1996 in Grugliasco (TO). In 2005, she was in Castel D'Azzano,

dedicating herself to Caritas, Center for listening and helping the family, catechesis and preparation for baptism.

Sr Natalina was a prayerful person. She was joyful and simple, creative and of great pastoral zeal. She is described *as a sister with an open mind, interested in everything, with the newspaper being her special passion. Sr Natalina had a sense of wonder, amazement at beautiful things. She was someone capable of small kindnesses and gestures of gratitude, very welcoming and generous. As long as her health permitted, she was very active in the parish, having a particular attention for the poorest. She was a woman who could cheer the company with her witty and intelligent jokes, such as, "can't we have something sweet?" She had a taste for good food and a glass of good wine, as a good Reggiana. She was grateful for any kindness done to her. Upon hearing of her death, someone said: She was such a special person and could not have died on any ordinary day."*

In November 2019, she moved to Verona in the "Casa Alberione" community to receive the medical treatment she needed for her state of health. On 25 March 2020, the solemnity of the Annunciation, she suffered a stroke leaving the left part of her body paralyzed and unable to speak.

We thank the sisters who at this time have lovingly cared for Sr Natalina, especially, those who accompanied her in her last days of trial with their prayer, their offering and by giving her all the attention she needed.

In this Easter Triduum, as we entrust Sr Natalina to the Father's mercy, we thank him for the gift of her life as a Pastorella. Let us ask our sister to intercede for all of humanity the gift of soon being freed from this pandemic and of being renewed in faith, brotherhood and sisterhood, and worldwide solidarity.

Sr Aminta Sarmiento Puentes  
Superior General

Bogota' D.C., 09 April 2020  
Holy Thursday