



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



Today 9 July 2017 at 11.00

In the community of Albano Laziale (RM) – Mother House,

### **GIUSEPPINA SR PASQUINA FERRERI**

our Sister returned to the Father's house  
at the age of 84 years and 66 of Religious Life.

In the XIV Sunday of ordinary time, while the liturgy reminded us that He who raised Christ from the dead will give life even to our mortal bodies through His Spirit that dwells in us (cf. Rm 8:11), Sr Pasquina was consigned by the Good Shepherd in the embrace of the Father, serene to have offered her whole life to Him.

Giuseppina was born on the 19th September 1932 at Corvaro (Rieti) and was baptised on the 15th October of the same year. The youngest of six children, of whom three were Pastorelle, she grew in *"a splendid family which transmitted within itself the great values of life: faith, love, justice, solidarity"* and in her sharing of memories she would still recall that from her parents she received the witness of faith which she would never forget. A witness that would help the maturation of the vocation to religious life in her and her two other sisters: Sr Vincenza and Sr Luigina who preceded her in the Congregation.

On September 12, 1947 at Genzano (RM), only fifteen years old, Giuseppina entered the Congregation with the joy of being able to reach her sisters and devote her life completely to Jesus the Good Shepherd and his people.

She entered the Novitiate on August 14, 1949 at St Pietro delle Acque (PG), the following year on August 15, 1950 made her first profession and took the name of Sr Pasquina. Immediately she was sent in the apostolate at Transacqua (TN) where she remained until 1952. In this first pastoral experience, Sr Pasquina sought to live by entrusting herself to the Lord: *"I feel weak and inept with my own strength, but I trust in the help of divine grace."*

From 1952 to 1955, Sr Pasquina remained in the Mother House at Albano Laziale (RM), for study, till she made her perpetual profession on 6<sup>th</sup> August 1955.

From 1955 to 2005 she carried out her pastoral ministry in several Italian parishes: Consadolo (FE); Solara (MO); Peschiera Borromeo (MI); Rieti and Cittaducale (RI). During this time of apostolic life, Sr Pasquina had a pause at Albano, from 1969 to 1974, to devote herself to the study as a social worker.

In the apostolate she focused on liturgy and catechesis, although in some parishes she dedicated herself to the preschool and in some communities carried out the service as superior of the community.

She loved the Congregation and prayer, living with faith and joy her vocation. Loved telling the younger sisters many episodes of her early years in the Congregation: the toil, the poverty, but also the joy of belonging to the Pastorelle and of having met several times the Founder.

Sr Pasquina was tenacious in the face of difficulties, proactive and creative in the pastoral ministry. Able to establish working relationships with different pastoral workers, especially the laity, who appreciate her competence and dedication.

During her almost thirty years in the Diocese of Rieti, she was dedicated to the coordination of catechetics at diocesan level; worked for 12 years in family counselling; and, for 10 years, was the Diocesan delegate in the Union of Major Superiors of Italy (USMI).

Even when she retired at Albano - Mother House, in 2005, her love for pastoral life is not less, in fact she dedicated herself to some apostolic activities in the parish San Pancrazio-Cathedral of Albano and was a member of the Diocesan Pastoral Council.

A year and a half ago, Sr Pasquina, was operated in the stomach and due to complications was reoperated. She welcomed any distress, placing herself in the hands of the Lord while seeking to live each moment with serenity. Lately the situation was aggravated and she would often repeat: "*As He wants, I trust in Jesus the Good Shepherd. He is my Good Shepherd*".

Thank you Sr Pasquina for your long life spent entirely for the pastoral mission, even during the illness, lived as an offering for the apostolate. Pray for us in this final phase of our 9th General Chapter. We entrust you to the care of Mary, Mother of the Good Shepherd who unites you to all the Pastorelle of Heaven.

*Sr Marta Finotelli*  
Superior General

Rome, 9 July 2017  
*XIV Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)*