



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



Yesterday, 2 November 2015, at 22.10 (Brazilian time)

at the hospital of Pompeia di Caxias do Sul

SR ALDINA, MARIA DA PAZ ZANCHETTIN

returned to the Father's house at the age of 78 with 55 years of religious life.

On the day that the Church dedicated to the Commemoration of all the faithful departed, the good Shepherd called to himself and entrusted to the Father our Sister Aldina: *"Come, blessed of my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the Foundation of the world "* (cf. Mt 25:34).

Wanting to respect the desire expressed by Sr Aldina Maria da Paz Aldina on August 18, 2006 about her funeral: *"In the biography highlight only: the family where I received the faith; and the Congregation that made me who I am. Thank you! "*, we share with you only the milestones of her life and some of her last expressions.

She was born on 30 January 1937 at Veranópolis – RS, and baptised in the parish of Sant'Antonio di Fagundes Varela – RS, on 23 February 1937. She was the third of six children and was educated in the Christian faith; on 19 March 1954 she entered the Congregation at Fagundes Varela.

She entered the novitiate on 1 February 1959 at Caxias do Sul – RS. On 2 February 1960 made her First Profession with the name of Sr Maria da Paz and on the 2 February 1965 made her Final Profession at Bento Gonçalves – RS.

In the pastoral apostolate carried out from 1960 to 2014 she lived in the following communities: Bento Gonçalves; Rafard – SP; Jabaquara SP; Medianeira – Porto Alegre; Getúlio Vargas – RS; Vera Cruz d'Oeste; Pinhais – PR; Figueirópolis – TO; Alberione – Porto Alegre; Paysandù – Uruguay e Terceira Léguas. For health reasons she was transferred to Casa Betania - Caxias do Sul, where in 2015 was diagnosed with a brain tumour.

Some expressions written by her recently express a little of her inner world: *"I have grown up in an environment of faith, friendship, honesty, justice, fidelity to the word given, and commitment. As a child I desired to belong totally to God, and brought roses to Saint Therese that she would make me bloom for God like she did. The experience of intimacy with the Lord became ever stronger in serenity and in the hope of the definite encounter with him. May Mary the*

Shepherdess who listens, meditates and lives the Word, inspire in me in the following of Jesus the good Shepherd from birth to the sunset of life".

Thanks Sr Aldina for the patience and the serenity with which you accepted illness: *"I am in God's hands. May he do of me whatever he wants. Pray that I accept and do his will. In this special time I accompany the Sisters who have left for the new mission in Boa Vista – Roraima. Thank you for the affection and love, for everything you have done for me "*.

Sr Aldina, now that you are in God's hands and are part of the community in Heaven, remember also all the Pastorelle who are spread throughout the world. Intercede for us, that we may always know to respond generously to the pastoral mission entrusted to us by the Holy Trinity.

Sr Marta Finotelli
Superior general

Manila, 3 November 2015
St. Martin de Porres