



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



Today, 30 January 2014, at 10:30 a.m. (Italian time)

In the “Sacro Cuore” Hospital of Negrar (VR)

GIUSEPPINA RANDINI

returned to the Father’s house.

She was 76 years old and 50 years of religious life

“I feel being carried on the shoulders of the Good Shepherd and I am serene because I’m in his hands.” This is what Sr. Giuseppina shared to me, with joy in her eyes, aware of the gravity of her health, when I visited the community of Negrar last week. And today Jesus Good Shepherd carrying her on his shoulders, surrenders her to the Father, saying: *“Come, I will espouse you to me forever”* (Hosea 2: 21).

Giuseppa was born on 25 April 1937 at Bisacquino (Palermo). Third of five siblings, she was baptized on the same day. She matured her religious vocation in the parish community and entered the Congregation on 27 June 1960 at Albano Laziale (RM) Casa Madre. On 2 September 1962, she began her Novitiate and on 3 September 1963 she made her first profession, taking the name Sr. Adriana, but she was always known as Giuseppina. Then she was sent to the community of Polpet (BL) for her practicum in the kindergarten where she remained until 1964, when she was transferred to Corbola (RO) where, with the diploma of specialization for teaching in the preparatory level, she devoted herself to teaching in the Kindergarten and in the parish catechesis.

On 3 September 1968 Sr. Giuseppina made her perpetual profession in Albano, well aware of the step that she was going to undertake. In fact, in her application for admission she wrote: *“I feel a great desire to consecrate all my life to Jesus Good Shepherd. In asking to be admitted to perpetual profession, I know I’m asking something very great and difficult for my fragile nature, but I trust in God’s grace and with his help, I’ll be able to serve faithfully wherever He wishes.”*

Sr Giuseppina lived with good religious spirit, loved the common life and her company was pleasing to the sisters and the persons she cared for in the apostolate. It was evident in her the commitment to be always happy, simple, attentive to the needs of others.

She spent most of her religious life in allowing the grace of God operate in her. From 1968 to 1987, she devoted herself with love and enthusiasm in teaching in the kindergarten and in the pastoral ministry in various parishes in Northern Italy: Bussi sul Tirino (PE) , Diano S. Pietro (IM), Paderno D’Adda (CO), Cervia (RA), Saliceto Panaro (MO), Castel D’Azzano (VR).

After a year's break between 1986 and 1987 to help her family, Sr. Giuseppina resumed her apostolate with dedication, as always, striving to transmit not only to the younger generation, but also to the families and the sick whom she visited, love for life and the Christian faith. From 1988 to 1998, she was involved in the parish apostolate at Farra (BL), Ferrara and Frassinò (MN), with a sabbatical break spent first in Tor San Lorenzo (RM) and then at Negrar (VR).

From 1998 to 2009 she was in the community of Tor San Lorenzo where she devoted herself to welcoming the persons who stayed at the "Vacation house" of the ICN Province. In dealing with persons, she knew how to give a smile, to comfort the hearts, always drawing strength from her relationship with the Lord and her love toward the sisters of the community.

In 2009 she was transferred to Mogliano Veneto (TV) and she generously carried out the pastoral work, especially in the Parish of St. Mark. During the canonical visit in February 2010, she wrote: *"I feel serenity and peace, I do not feel alone, but I am sustained by the comforting Word. In the ministry of pastoral care entrusted to us, it is necessary to be companions for those who walk in darkness and to be able to indicate paths of life, hope and joy; to know how to awaken new relationships with the Lord who loves us until giving up his life for us"*.

In December 2013, after celebrating her fifty years of religious life, she became ill and was admitted to the Hospital in Treviso where the seriousness of her situation was immediately diagnosed: lung cancer with liver and brain metastases. She was then transferred to the Hospital in Negrar to undergo the necessary medical treatment. She was discharged on 20 January, but on the night between 28 and 29 January, due to severe abdominal pain, she was again hospitalized and underwent surgery which shed more light on the severity of her health. Sr. Giuseppina knew that the time has come to surrender herself totally to Jesus Good Shepherd, and this morning at 10.30 am, while the bells rang indicating the time, Sr. Giuseppina ended her earthly pilgrimage to enter into eternity.

Thank you, Sr. Giuseppina for the testimony that you left us with your life as a Pastorella. Now pray for your family, for your parishioners and intercede for us Pastorelle and for the entire Pauline Family in this Centenary year, the grace to live in newness of life in order to know how to indicate paths of life, hope and joy to our brothers and sisters in the journey.

Sr Marta Finotelli
Superior general

Bogotá, 30 January 2014