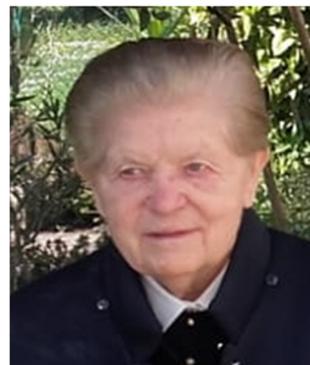




*"Faith in the resurrection
opens up fraternal communion
beyond the threshold of death ...".
(RoL 24)*



Today, 13 January 2022 at 5.00am
in the community of Verona -"Casa Alberione", our sister
BRUNA LUCIA, Sr GIULIA TEMPESTA
returned to the Father's House.
She was 86 years old and 63 years of Religious Life

I know that you, O God, Father Almighty, must be the main goal of my life. With these words of Saint Hilary, who the Church remembers today, we give thanks for the gift of the life of Sr Bruna as a Pastorella who tried to live and bear witness to the Lord as the principal goal of her life.

Bruna, the fifth of seven children, was born in Barbona (PD) on 27 April 1935 and baptized on 7 May 1935 in Saints Vito and Modesto's parish in Lusina (RO).

She entered the Congregation in Albano Laziale-Casa Madre on 7 October 1954 and in the novitiate on 2 September 1957. She made her first profession on 3 September 1958, taking the name of Sr Giulia. In 1959, she was sent to Pumenengo (BG) where she remained until her perpetual profession which she made in Albano Laziale - Mother House on 3 September 1963.

After her perpetual profession, she carried out her apostolic activity mainly in the field of education in kindergarten in various communities. From 1963, she lived her pastoral ministry in Budrione (MO) until 1968 when she returned to Albano Laziale-Mother House engaging in various tasks at the service of the sisters. In 1969, she was sent to the community of Novoledo (VI) and the following year to Santa Lucia di Fiamignano (RI); from 1974 in Solara (MO) and from 1977 in Saliceto (CN), always engaged mainly in teaching.

She had a sabbatical year in 2003 in the community of Negrar, a time of renewal and physical and spiritual recovery that she welcomed with gratitude. In 2004, she resumed her pastoral apostolate in the community of Capoliveri (LI) where she dedicated herself to the family

apostolate, in particular to the pastoral care of the elderly and the sick. In 2010, she moved to Cadè di Roncoferraro (MN) where she continued her mission with the elderly and the sick.

In 2020, due to health problems, she moved to the community of Verona. Some sisters with whom she lived in the last few years have described Sr Bruna as an open, sincere, and generous sister and capable of saying sorry. She was someone whose prayer life was assiduous and was able to face her illness with faith, dignity and tenacity until her last breath. She loved life and tried to live it to the full, striving to be always present and collaborating to the end of her strength. To surprise the sisters at Christmas, she embroidered the new napkin holders for them.

Sr Bruna has lived a sober life style; anything she received, she always shared with the community. She visited the elderly and the sick frequently, bringing comfort with the Eucharist even to those who had never let themselves be approached. She loved singing, caring for the church and always decorated the altar with fresh flowers with the art of composition.

We thank the sisters for the loving attention given to Sr Bruna, trying to alleviate the suffering that the course of the disease was causing her.

We entrust Sr Bruna to the Father's mercy and thank her for the witness of fidelity in following the Good Shepherd in the pastoral ministry. We ask Sr Bruna, in this "Amoris Laetitia Family" Year, which will end on 26 June 2022, to intercede for families and especially for those who are going through great difficulties.

Sr Aminta Sarmiento Puentes
Superior General

Roe, 13 January 2022
St Hilary of Poitiers, Bishop