



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



Today, 12 March 2021 at 11.30pm
at the hospital of Negrar di Valpolicella (VR), our sister
MARIA, Sr PAOLINA TROGU
returned to the Father's House.
She was 90 years old and 60 years of Religious Life.

Bless the Lord, my soul; do not forget all his benefits. While we entrust Sr Paolina to the Father's Mercy, with the psalmist, let us raise our praise of thanksgiving for the gift of her life as a Pastorella, and for all the benefits that the Father has bestowed on her throughout these sixty years of consecrated life.

Maria, the last of four other sisters, was born on 11 April 1930 in Narbolia (CA) and baptized on 13 April 1930 in the parish of Santa Reparata in her hometown.

She entered the Congregation on 19 March 1957 in Albano Laziale – Mother House and lived the first years of formation in Medolla (MO) and subsequently in Capoliveri (LI). She entered the novitiate on 02 September 1959 in Albano Laziale - Mother House and on 03 September 1960, she made her first profession taking the name of Sr. Paolina. She took her perpetual vows on 03 September 1965, again in Albano Laziale - Mother House.

Sr Paolina lived her pastoral ministry mainly in the field of education in the following communities: 1960 Fonni (NU); 1963 Fienil del Turco (RO); 1964 Sedilo (OR); 1966 Santa Maria in Fabriago (RA); 1968 Carbonara di Po (MN); 1973 San Prospero (MO). In 1974 she stayed for two years in Albano Laziale – Mother House to study and in 1976 she was again in Fonni; 1977 Corbola (RO) as a trainee; 1978 Crosia (CS); 1980 Cervia (RA); 1985 Sustinenza di Casaleone (VR). In 1986, she spent a sabbatical year in Tor San Lorenzo (RM).

At the end of her service in the Kindergarten, Sr Paolina took on family ministry and liturgical animation: 1987 Capoliveri; 1992 Lignano Sabbiadoro (UD); 1997 Manzinello di Manzano (UD); 1998 Negrar for a sabbatical year.

After the sabbatical year, in 1999 she resumed her pastoral activity as a member of the community of Villimpenta (MN) and dedicated herself again to the pastoral care of families. This last parish community always remembered her with particular affection and gratitude.

Sr Paolina is described as a prayerful and generous sister, capable of fulfilling her duty with joy. She loved the apostolate very much and was dearly devoted to teaching. She was engaged in catechetics, and gladly visited the elderly and the sick. In some parishes, she took care of the weekly distribution of *Famiglia Cristiana*. She liked to look after the ambience of the church and to procure fresh and beautiful flowers. In 2020, she moved to Negar di Valpolicella and willingly carried out various tasks at the service of the sisters.

In these past days, Sr Paolina, infected by Covid-19, received the necessary care from the sisters of the community. However, with the worsening of her state of health due to previous illnesses, her hospitalization became necessary. We thank the community for the affection and the care given to Sr Paolina, the health workers who helped us to assist her and who still support us in the care of the other sisters affected by Covid-19 in the community of Negar.

We thank Jesus Good Shepherd for the gift of Sr Paolina's life and we ask this sister of ours who loved teaching to intercede for all students, who face the uneasiness of a school year "at a distance" and the uncertainty due to pandemic, the courage and the wisdom they need.

Sr Aminta Sarmiento Puentes
Superior General

Rome, 12 March 2021

St Luigi Orione