



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



Today, 10 August 2022 at 10.40am (local time)
at Virvi Ramos Hospital - Fátima, Caxias do Sul/RS our sister

TEREZINHA, Sr ISABEL DALLE LASTE

concluded her life on earth.

She was 88 years of age and 63 years of Religious Life.

The liturgy of the Word on the feast of St Lawrence expresses the life and pastoral mission of our sister Isabel: *the more you sow, the more you reap. God loves a cheerful giver.* A life fully committed out of love and in the love of the Good Shepherd that she followed with fidelity and joy.

Terezinha, fourth of ten children, was born on 20 May 1934 in Montenegro of Rio Grande do Sul and baptized on 02 August 1934 in Garibaldi/RS in the parish of St Peter. She entered the Congregation on 12 September 1953 in Caxias do Sul - 3ª Léguas. In Caxias do Sul-San Leopoldo, she began her novitiate on 01 February 1958 and made her first profession, taking the name of Isabel, on 02 February 1959. She made her perpetual profession on 02 February 1964.

Sr Isabel lived her pastoral ministry in the following communities: 1960 in Piratuba Torres; 1962 in Porto Alegre - Murialdo; 1967 in Bento Gonçalves; 1970 in Caxias do Sul - San Leopoldo; 1972 in Porto Alegre - Murialdo; 1974 to Getulio Vargas. 1976 Porto Alegre - Medianeira.

In 1977, she returned to Caxias do Sul and remained there for about 23 years, working as a nurse, in the maternity ward in the Pompéia Hospital in Caxias do Sul.

The sisters testify that she got up very early; she ate her breakfast and went to work, which she loved very much. When she came home from work, she would pray and then do whatever needed in the house.

In 2001, she made herself available for a missionary presence in Paysandú (Uruguay). There the people remember her with gratitude, leaving her mark of faith, humanity and generosity as described by the sisters: *she was a great example for the community where she worked tirelessly to help the poor by sewing and making quilted blankets for those who needed them. People have fond memories and love for her.*

After this missionary experience, she returned in 2004 to Brazil in Porto Alegre where she also carried out the service of superior of the community. In 2007, she returned to Paysandú where she was engaged in the pastoral care of families. She then returned to Brazil and lived in the following communities: in 2008 in Porto Alegre and in 2009 in Caxias do Sul-3ª Léguas; in 2010 in Figueirópolis; in 2012 in Caxias do Sul - "Betania" community serving various needs; in 2013 in Caxias do Sul - 3ª Léguas. In 2014, she returned for the third time to the mission in Paysandú engaging in the formation of pastoral workers. She returned definitely to Brazil in 2015 and remained for a few years in Caxias do Sul-3ª Léguas.

Throughout her life as a Pastorella, Sr Isabel embodied fidelity to prayer and pastoral zeal, so dear to Blessed Alberione. *The sisters testify as follows: Sr Isabel was a religious who greatly cultivated her interior life and prayer. She was always present at community moments, at the reading of the Word of God, at the Eucharist; she assiduously celebrated the sacraments, made her annual spiritual exercises and monthly retreats; she was faithful to the prayer of the rosary, which she recited with great devotion to Mary. She was a gifted and very good person, available, playful, joyful and very grateful for all she received. She loved her work and was not lazy. In moments of rest from work, she would take up the hoe and work in the vegetable garden, in the orchard and in the garden, in short, wherever it was necessary. She was someone who was always ready and generous for whatever the need. It was enough to talk about children to awaken in her the tenderness and love she had for them. Even in her illness, she never stopped living this experience.*

In 2019, she returned to Caxias do Sul-Community "Betania" where she received the necessary assistance due to her state of health. We thank the sisters and health workers for taking care of Sr Isabel with love and dedication, allowing her to live peacefully until the last days when hospitalization became necessary.

As we entrust our sister to the Father's Mercy, we thank Sr. Isabel for her witness of fidelity to the Good Shepherd and ask her to intercede abundant graces in these days of visitation of the General Government in Brazil and, in a special way, holy and good vocations.

Sr Aminta Sarmiento Puentes
Superior General

Rome, 10 August 2022
St Lawrence, *deacon and martyr*