



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



Today, 19 September 2024 at 5.30 pm,
at Borgo Trento (VR) hospital, our sister

VITALIA, Sr GRAZIA MARIA SALARIS

has parted this earthly life.

She was 88 years old and 64 years of religious life.

With the psalmist, we give thanks to the Lord for He is good, for His love endures forever, and this has been witnessed by the life and mission of our sister Grazia whom the Father has called to Himself.

Vitalia was born in Simaxis (OR) on 29 September 1935 and was baptized on 20 October 1935 in Simaxis in the parish of San Simmaco Papa. She entered the Congregation in Albano Laziale - Mother House, on 1 August 1957 and the novitiate on 2 September 1959. She made her first profession, taking the name of Sr Grazia Maria, on 3 September 1960 and her perpetual profession on 3 September 1965.

After making her profession, she was sent to various places where she carried out her ministry, mainly in the field of education: 1960 Rossano Stazione (CS); 1965 Foggia - S. Paolo; 1969 Todi (PG); 1970 Farra di Feltre (BL); 1979 Cengio (SV); 1980 Bettola di Peschiera Borromeo (MI) and in 1986 she lived a sabbatical year in Tor S. Lorenzo (RM). In 1987 she returned to Bettola di Peschiera Borromeo (MI); 1993 Verona – Provincial House; 1994 Cive di Correzzola (PD); 1998 sabbatical year; 1999 Frassino (MN); 2003 Negrar; 2009 Borgaretto (TO) and in 2017 she returned to Negrar where she lived until her death.

Sr Grazia is described as a simple, reserved sister, faithful to prayer and generous in pastoral ministry. She especially loved kindergarten teaching where she mainly carried out her mission. Sensitive to the needs of people, she knew how to get close to them, with discretion, and with the desire to bring them the comfort of faith.

The sisters testify that Sr Grazia was always welcoming and kind to children, young people, adults, and in the community. She loved Our Lady and was very faithful in praying the Rosary of Lourdes. The waning of strength and the limits imposed by health were an offering to the Good Shepherd that she made with patience, silence and prayer.

While we give thanks for the life of Sr Grazia, as a Pastorella, we entrust her to the Father's Mercy and ask her to intercede for the gift of Peace at this delicate time in the history of humanity.

Sr Aminta Sarmiento Puentes
Superior General

19 September 2024
St Januarius, bishop and martyr