



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



Today, 04 October 2022 at 7.00pm
in the community of Albano Laziale (RM) – Mother House, our sister

LINA, Sr M. CAROLA BRAGIOTO

Returned to the Father's House.

She was 92 years of age and 69 years of religious life.

Today, while the Church celebrates the feast of St Francis of Assisi, the Father has called to himself our sister Lina who lived faithfully the gift of her vocation of Pastorella, testifying to her joyful belonging to the Good Shepherd and with the psalmist she pronounced her act of full surrender: *My life is in your hands!*

Lina, the ninth of fourteen children, was born on 19 April 1930 in Lusia (RO) and baptized on 11 May 1930 in the parish of San Lorenzo Martire in Cavazzana (RO).

She entered the Congregation on 19 April 1947 in Genzano (RM), being part of the group of sisters of the first ten years of the life of the Congregation. She received her religious habit on 08 December 1949 in Massa Martana-San Pietro alle Acque (PG).

Two years after her vestition, in 1951 she was sent to Sedilo (OR) as a kindergarten teacher and from 1952 to Massa Martana engaged in the pastoral care of the elderly and the sick.

After this time of mission, she made her first profession in Penna Sant'Andrea (TE) on 12 June 1953 and her perpetual profession on 02 August 1958 in Albano Laziale - Mother House.

Sr Lina resumed the educational ministry in kindergarten starting from 1961 in Gizzeria (CZ) and from 1971 in Villamarzana (RO), while in 1974 she was sent to Camparada (MB) for the pastoral care of families. In 1979, she returned to Albano Laziale - Mother House to take up the service of cook, a service that she carried out with generosity and love for several years for as long as her health allowed it.

Sr Lina is described as a sister of faith, faithful to prayer and generous in the service entrusted to her. She was a humble, discreet person, and loved the Congregation. *The sisters testify that*

she did everything with generosity and love: she prayed much and was always serene. She was someone who was good to everyone and always generous in her work. For several years, she worked as a cook in Albano-Mother House, always carrying out her service with a smile. She had no diploma, but it could be said that she had graduated in gratitude. She said her "thank you" to everyone and for everything. With her prayer, she also showed her gratitude towards the nurses and the people who cared for her.

In these last days when she needed to be looked after in everything, she reciprocated every care with sweetness and testified to her faith in commending herself to God's will. She expressed the desire to meet Jesus the Good Shepherd, entrusting herself to the prayers of the sisters. We thank the sisters of the community of Albano - Mother House and, in particular, those who directly in this period of particular need have assisted Sr Lina by providing her with medical care and spiritual support.

We entrust Sr Lina to the Father's mercy and ask her to intercede for the gift of peace for humanity and, in particular, for the end of the war in Ukraine.

Sr Aminta Sarmiento Puentes
Superior General

Caxias do Sul, 04 October 2022
St Francis of Assisi, patron saint of Italy