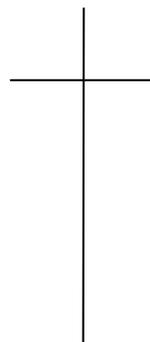


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Yesterday, 14 November 2009, at 5.40 a.m (Brazilian time),  
In Sino Brasileiro Hospital of Osasco - SP  
the Good Shepherd called to Himself our sister

**SR JACYRA MARIA IZABEL DA SILVA**

70 years old and 47 years of religious life

In the day of Saturday, in which we remember the memorial of Mary, Mother of God and our Mother, Jesus Good Shepherd hands over to the Father, our sister Jacyra Maria Izabel who enters to belong to the community of the Pastorelle Sisters in heaven.

Jacyra Maria was born in São Miguel Arcanjo (SP) on January 18, 1939 and ten days later receives the sacrament of Baptism. The third in a brood of seven, upon completing her 15<sup>th</sup> birthday, she enters the Congregation on January 20, 1954 in the community of Jabaquara in San Paolo, a community recently opened willed by the Founder, Blessed James Alberione as the "nest of future Brazilian vocations".

On February 11, 1961 she enters the Novitiate in Caxias do Sul and makes her First profession in the same community on February 2, 1962, taking the name of Sr. Clotilde. Five years later, on the same day, she celebrates her perpetual profession.

Sr Jacyra Maria Izabel, "Izabelzinha", as fondly and familiarly called for the graciousness of her body and the sweetness of her face, is a calm, docile and obedient person, of meek and silent character, loves poverty which she expresses with an austere style of life sharing with the poor what is given her.

She lives fraternal life serenely and is always ready to help the sisters. The punctuality to the community meetings, the simplicity and the responsibility with which she participates in community life manifest her love for the Congregation and her seriousness in accomplishing the services entrusted to her in the various communities of the Province.

Prepared in the educational field, after her first profession, she was sent to the community of Centenário do Sul (PR), where she teaches in the elementary school and is also involved in the parish secretariat. She remains in this community up to 1969 and she still returns in the years 1979-1983.

In the communities of Caxias, Jardim Gilda Maria, Guaraci, Alto da Lapa, Veneza - Belo Horizonte, Redenção, Assis, Brasília, Santos Apóstolos - SP, Vila Califórnia and Jataí, aside from catechesis toward various groups, she shows a particular predilection for children, especially the acolytes whom she prepares with care for the service of the Altar. She also loves visiting the families whom she accompanies with the delicateness and the gentleness of a mother. A lot of people testify this even today, they still remember her with affection and gratitude. She has passion for the Portuguese literature, she cultivates different interests and follows the events of the world with the capacity to assess critically and loves above all to do analysis, enlightened by the Gospel.

She accepts gladly to enrol in the School for the "Senior citizen", to this aspect she expressed: *"The motive that pushes me to take back study is because I feel the need to learn more, to find more light and to update myself in life that continues"*

In 2003 she has the joy to participate in the Beatification of the Founder in Rome, together with a group of Brazilian sisters, and she goes, with gratitude, in pilgrimage to the places of origin of the Pauline Family.

During the canonical visit of the General government in 2009 while she was at the community of Jataí, in describing how the encounter of Christ Shepherd is renewing her pastoral care, she expresses thus: *"In my encounter with Jesus, I offer Him my day with everything that could happen and at the end of the day I thank Him and I ask forgiveness for my unfaithfulness"*.

On November 9 she goes to San Paolo because of some health difficulties. On November 13, she was admitted in "Sino Brasileiro Hospital of Osasco" for some clinical check up and on the early hours of the dawn of Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup>, she suddenly passed away for intestinal obstruction.

*"The Lord is my portion and my cup: my life is in your hands"*. With the words of Psalm 15, our sister Jacyra Maria Izabel concludes her mission in this world and she can now finally contemplate the face of the One whom she has looked for with sincerity of heart for all of her life.

We accompany with our prayer the sisters of the province Brazil-San Paolo and her relatives and in bringing to mind what our Founder told us in 1953: *"The Institute one day will be formed by the deceased united together in heaven who pray for the one who is still on earth"*, we ask Sr. Izabel to intercede before the Heavenly Father for every Pastorella so that each one may continue to be available to the realization of the Kingdom of God, in fraternal communion and in the pastoral apostolate.

*Sr Marta Finotelli*  
superior general

Rome, 15 November 2009  
33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B