



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



Last night, 20 May 2013 at 9:30 pm
in the community of Albano Casa madre,
Jesus Good Shepherd entrusted to the Father our Sister

LOREDANA AGNESE DE PAOLI

71 years old 50 years of religious life

"I am convinced of my great weakness, but I trust in the mercy of God and in His great goodness. It is true that my talents are not so many and my health is poor, I will try to make up for this, responding in full to what the Lord desires for me in full joy and love." This is what Sr. Loredana wrote on 17 August 1967, when she asked to be admitted to perpetual profession. And it is in this awareness that she lived her entire life as Pastorella.

Agnese was born on 1 January 1942 in Tonadico (TN) and was baptized on 4 January 1942. Fifth of eight siblings, she grew up in a hardworking family in which the Christian faith is the full meaning of life. Within her family, religious vocation matured, both for her brother Fr. Giampietro, a Stigmatine Priest, and she herself who, at a young age of 15, decided to respond 'yes' to God's call. Thus she left her place of beautiful mountains and entered the Congregation on 18 September 1957 at Albano Laziale (Rome). She lived with joy her adolescence among the Pastorelle Sisters, always open to formation and diligent in study, until the entry in the novitiate on 2 September 1961.

On 3 September 1962, she made her first profession at Albano casa madre and took the name Sr. Loredana. She then spent a year in the community of Saliceto Panaro taking care of the young boys at the SSP's vocation school. From 1963 to 1967 she returned to Albano where she devoted herself to teaching and on 3 September 1967 she made her perpetual profession.

She was of jovial and cheerful character, she loved her vocation and knew how to put to good use her gifts with creativity, whether in the service within the Congregation or in the apostolate. In 1967 she was sent to Cittaducale (RI) as superior of the community and remained there until 1974, when she was entrusted the formation of the postulants for two years and then the novices until 1980, in the community of Casa madre.

She took the Degree of social work and from 1980 to 1983 and she was in the community of Rome - Via Traversari for the course on Religious Studies at the Gregorian University.

In the pastoral ministry carried out in Pescara 1983-1990 and 1998-2000 to Collemaggiore (RI), and then at Ancona from 2003 to 2013, she expressed her passion for Christ Good Shepherd and to his people. She willingly collaborated with the priests, the laity and the religious present in the parishes and dioceses, with a particular sensitivity to the young people and the religious. For

several years she offered the talents the Lord has given her to the Religious Life as USMI President in the Region of Marche.

She expressed her vocation as Pastorella tirelessly, giving the best of herself wherever the Good Shepherd called her, even in the evangelical service of the authority which she carried out with openness and generosity from 1993 to 1996 as a Provincial councilor, then in 1996 to 2000 and 2008 to 2012 as Provincial vicar.

From 1990 to 1998, for two terms, she carried out her service as superior in the Casa madre community, where she lovingly served the older or sick sisters. She still remained at Albano in 2000-2003 serving the needs of the community.

In drawing, painting, embroidery, flower arrangement, in the writing of icons ... everything Sr. Loredana desired to donate herself so that Christ may be known and loved, especially by the younger generation. And while she was fully immersed in the pastoral in the community of Ancona, the Lord called her to intensify the gift of self through sickness.

In October 2012, after celebrating with joy the 50th of religious profession, she was diagnosed with cancer in the pancreas which in few months' time, invaded her body, already fragile, until the serene conclusion of her earthly life at Casa madre, where she was since last February.

Sr. Loredana faced her illness with clarity and with much hope. When the doctors revealed to her the graveness of her illness, she simply asked the Lord to give her a little time to prepare herself to meet Him, happy to have given everything for the pastoral mission in the Church and thus responded to the desire of Blessed Alberione: *"You have the care of souls, you are sent to the souls in the parish works. You are for souls! The work is directed to the souls and to work means to cooperate with God's ministers, pastors of souls. All your mission is spiritual"*(PrP IX, 1962, p.67).

At the end of the Easter season and at the beginning of Ordinary time, in this month of May, dedicated to the Virgin Mother Mary, Sr. Loredana, assisted lovingly by her sisters Maddalena and Silvietta, together with the sisters at Casa madre who took turns to be at her deathbed, left this world and handed herself over to Jesus Good Shepherd.

Thank you Sr. Loredana, for the witness of life lived until the end in the pastoral care toward the persons entrusted to you by the Lord. Your smile, your kindness, your joyful relationship with everyone: young, the sick, the elderly, priests, religious, families, they are beautiful pastoral testimony which encourage us to give ourselves more and more for love.

You, who now contemplate the merciful face of the Father whom you have always sought, intercede for your family, for us Pastorelle, for the whole Pauline Family and for the whole Church, the gift of a strong and joyful faith which knows how to announce the Gospel with their lives.

Sr. Marta Finotelli
Superior general

Rome, 21 May 2013
S. Cristoforo Magallanes, priest
and companion martyrs