



Dear Sisters,

Today, November 1, 2016, at 1:40 PM, dawn of the liturgical Solemnity of All Saints, in the Hospital of San Camillo in Rome, the Lord called to the banquet of the eternal wedding feast our sister

SR. M. FLORA - LUCIA FORTI
born on October 25, 1934, in Valle Castellana (Teramo).

Lucia entered at the Mother House in Alba on September 12, 1950, while still an adolescent. With simplicity and frankness she wrote to Madre Maestra asking to be admitted to our Congregation: *“I ask that you would graciously accept me among the aspirants of the Sister Disciples since Jesus made me hear his voice and I want very much to consecrate myself to him in the religious life. My name is Forti Lucia di Pasquale. I am 16 years old and attended the third year of elementary school. I have little education since I have always been in this mountain town, but I have much good will to learn all that I will be taught. (...) I trust in your maternal kindness to be accepted and in the meantime I pray to the Blessed Mother. May Jesus Christ be praised” (August 9, 1950).*

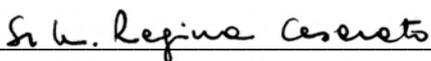
She came from a large family and had a healthy and robust constitution. Her pastor recommended her for her good conduct and for her journey of faith that grew in the course of the various stages of her initial formation and throughout her life.

Following the Novitiate, she made her first religious profession in Alba on March 25, 1954. Her first apostolic ministry was in Cinisello Balsamo, assisting in the workshop for sacred art, until 1958. Before her perpetual profession in Rome – Via Portuense on March 25, 1959, she rendered her service in the wardrobe and the kitchen of the Society of St. Paul in Alba and in Rome. After three more years in sacred art in Cinisello Balsamo, in 1961 she returned to Rome and then was sent to Toulouse France for two years. She returned to Italy in October of 1964 for the priestly ministry to which she would dedicate herself with great love in the Pauline houses, various times over the years: Alba, Rome, Pescara.

From 1971 to 1979 she offered her service at the Souvenir shop in the Vatican and then at the Liturgical Apostolate Center in Naples and as the superior of the community. From 1980 to 1988, she was the sacristan at the retreat house in Arriccia. From 1991 to 1994 she was at our Liturgical Apostolate Centers in Palermo and Rimini, after which she was assigned once again to the Pauline houses in Rome, until 2007. In chronological order, the last was at the General House of the Society of St. Paul in via della Fanella. In 2007 she was transferred to our community of Regina Apostolorum at Portuense, and then to the infirmary of the Blessed Timothy Community (2008), until her death.

A dynamic person, although Sr. M. Flora suffered from heart problems, she was unstoppable and did not quit easily. She was an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist and loved to pray in the Church of Jesus Master. Conscious until the end, she received the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick during her last spiritual exercises and yesterday morning at the Hospital of San Camillo. From there the Lord called her today to the feast, with all the saints, following the sudden worsening of respiratory insufficiency in connection with a form of pulmonary disease that was present since 2000.

Rest in peace, Sr. M. Flora! Pray for the Pauline Family, for the Italian Province and for the entire Congregation journeying toward the 9th General Chapter. Live in God!


Sr. M. Regina Cesarato, Superior General