



*Dear Sisters,*

Today, June 30, 2017, the day on which the Pauline Family celebrates the feast of Saint Paul and inaugurates the Centennial of the foundation of the Pauline Cooperators, at 12:45 AM (local time), in the Blessed Timothy Giaccardo Community in Rome, the Divine Master called to eternal life our sister

**Sr. M. PASQUINA – ANNA ROMANO**  
**Born June 19, 1929, in Pignataro Maggiore (Caserta) - Italy.**

At the age of nineteen, on October 7, 1948, Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, Anna left her family and entered the Congregation in Rome, following in the footsteps of her maternal aunt, Sr. M. Igina Giuliano, already a Sister Disciple of the Divine Master since August 20, 1934.

With a group of nineteen companions, she entered the novitiate in Alba (CN) at the Mother House, where, upon completing the canonical year of formation, she made her religious profession on March 25, 1951. Thus she began her consecrated life as a Sister Disciple, in fidelity to the Eucharistic Adoration and to the apostolate, in accordance with the simple and silent lifestyle of the Pauline community. During the first years of her consecrated life, some specific characteristics emerged: a discrete and practical woman, to the active life of door to door diffusion of the Gospel she preferred to spend her days in the care of the persons and of the house. Despite the difficulties, she carried out the apostolate of propaganda in Bologna and Bordighera. She was then sent to the kitchen and the laundry in the Pauline communities of Alba and of Rome, where she was appreciated for her generosity, her precision and her simplicity.

On March 25, 1956, she made her perpetual profession in Rome, and was chosen to join the sisters who would be sent as missionaries to Brazil in July of the same year: Sr. M. Salvatoris Rosa, Sr. M. Modesta Grotto, Sr. M. Giancarla Barale, Sr. M. Venerina Vaccarisi, Sr. M. Fabiana Lucido and Sr. M. Pasquina. This is written in the history of the origins of the Brazilian Province: “Armed only with the strength of faith and of the charism, and the blessing of the Founder, these young sisters departed for an unknown land and people. They started from Nazareth, imitating and developing the lifestyle of the Mother House, as the Founder recommended. The Divine Master confirmed them in fidelity to the vocation, rendered them fruitful in faith and made them blossom and bear fruit in the charism, inspiring in other young women the gift of the vocation.” From Brazil, the Provincial Superior, Sr. M. Veronice Fernandes, wrote: “It was with sorrow that we received the news of the death of Sr. M. Pasquina. We are immensely grateful for her courage and dedication to Brazil. May she who so greatly loved this land, intercede for us before God”. In fact, Sr. M. Pasquina maintained a lively missionary heart even after her return to Italy in May of 1968, and continued to follow with interest the development and the struggles of the growing communities.

Many communities preserve the remembrance of her presence: Ariccia (RM), Centrale di Zugliano (VI), Naples, Genoa, Rome-SPFilm. She also fulfilled the role of local superior, characterized by her attentive care and vigilance over the persons and environment. In 2000, she offered her service in the laundry of the large community, Regina Apostolorum in Rome, until it became necessary to transfer to the community, Beato Timoteo, in 2006 as her health declined. To the extent possible, industrious and silently, she continued her work in the laundry until, due to complications following the fracture of her femur and the subsequent surgery, it became necessary to undergo intensive therapy. After a slight improvement, she returned to the community where she was welcomed, treated and accompanied by the sisters with much prayer and the consolation of the Anointing of the Sick. Her condition rapidly deteriorated, leading to her death.

Sr. M. Pasquina, now that you live in God, help us to respond to the call of the 9<sup>th</sup> General Chapter: to rediscover the missionary strength that is part of the “DNA of the Pauline Family”.

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