



Dear Sisters,

Early this morning, November 18, 2013, at exactly 3:00 AM, the Heavenly Father ended the sufferings of our sister

Sr. M. Anselmina Teresina Perazzini,
born in Rimini (RN) on June 7, 1930.

During the Eucharistic Celebration this morning, the celebrant prayed for her: *“Remember our sister Anselmina whom you have called to yourself from this life. As through Baptism you united her to the passion and death of Christ your Son, so render her participant in his resurrection”*. In reality, our sister experienced a difficult passion before the conclusion of her earthly pilgrimage.

In reference to her entrance into the Congregation, which took place on September 1, 1950, in Alba (CN), she expressed herself thus in a letter to Mother M. Lucia Ricci, who was the Superior General at that time: *“Yesterday I received your most welcome letter and, in reading your words filled with goodness and kindness, I was deeply moved. I wept and did not have the strength to respond immediately. I ardently desire to separate myself from the world in order to better know and love the Divine Master, and I long for the coming of this day... I am willing to overcome any obstacle. I feel the strength to overcome it. I am decided; Jesus is calling me and I understand the great grace he is bestowing on this most unworthy daughter. I want to correspond by loving every hour, every minute of the passing day. Whatever the difficulty, I will overcome it. I will fight, but I will be victorious with the help of Jesus and Mary”* (Corpolò, July 23, 1950).

The characteristics of vocational clarity and resistance to trials marked the entire life of Sr. M. Anselmina, in every apostolic expression. The Divine Master clearly did not look at her difficult character, but at her generous heart and untiring spirit.

The sense of belonging to the Congregation was evident in her life, as was manifested in her constant mission for new vocations and cultivating benefactors. The origin of everything was the love of Jesus Master and confidence in the values in which she believed. She could affirm that she never omitted the Priestly Prayer, even for one day.

Her vocational journey began in Alba (CN), where she made her initial formation and her first religious profession on March 25, 1953. The perpetual profession, instead, took place in Rome on March 25, 1958. Following her profession, she completed her studies and was entrusted with the pastoral work for vocations. She put all her energies into this mission, travelling through every region of Italy to encounter and motivate young people to the following of Jesus

Master. Many sisters, of various generations, could affirm: *“Sr. M. Anselmina brought me into the House”*.

The letter of Mother Scholastica Rivata to her would have been a source of great comfort, and she always carried it with her: *“Good Mother M. Anselmina, taking the opportunity of a sister coming to Ireland, I am sending you my wish that I offer for you daily in my poor prayer, that many vocations may come and that they may all be faithful and holy. It is wonderful to think that our vocation can reach to the end of the world, and that wherever there is a Tabernacle, there we will immediately find our place. Therefore, we need many Eucharistic souls, for this I pray, that the Lord will enable you to meet many. May the desire of Jesus be fulfilled soon: that all souls may love and adore him. With fraternal love, affectionately yours, Sr. M. Scholastica (Rome, August 22, 1977).*

In 1963, she was asked to collaborate for the beginning of our house in Caracas, Venezuela, initially with the Society of St. Paul, and then in our own Divine Master house. In 1965 she returned to Italy to dedicate herself to the pastoral work for vocations. She was then entrusted with several mandates as local superior: in Vicenza DM, Turin, Central House of Prayer, Ireland/England for the three years of 1975/1978, and finally in Rimini.

In 1982, she was in Rome at the Regina Apostolorum community to cultivate benefactors and, at the same time, work toward her diploma in Spiritual Theology at the Tersianum Faculty of Theology. From 1997, she was collaborating more directly with the communities dependent upon the General House by maintaining an apartment in Misano (RN) that had been donated to the Congregation. In her regular correspondence with Sr. M. Regina Cesarato, she would keep her informed, express the difficulties regarding her particular situation, and manifest gratitude for every expression of charity and personal attention.

At the beginning of 2013, the precarious situation of her health obliged Sr. M. Anselmina to accept the necessary treatment in the infirmary at the Blessed Timothy community in Rome. She was suffering from lymphatic leukemia: a form characterized by severe anemia and diabetes mellitus. From her sisters and the doctors, she received all the treatments relative to her case until its conclusion.

On Friday, November 15, upon her request and with intense participation, she received the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, Viaticum, and the Plenary Indulgence. She also enjoyed the nearness of family members and many persons known to her.

Well aware of her delicate situation, she renewed the offering of her life and every suffering for vocations and for priests, a mission which she will certainly continue in Heaven.

Sr. M. Anselmina, now that you gaze upon the merciful face of the Father, continue to intercede for all of us, for your family, for the benefactors of the Congregation, and for new vocations from every nation! Rest in peace!

S. H. Paolo Mancini