



Dear Sisters,

At 2:00 AM, June 7, 2015, the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, in the community of Sanfrè (CN), the Bridegroom came to lead to the eternal wedding feast our sister,

SR. M. LILIANA ANGELA FAVARO,

born on December 11, 1926, in Villanova D'Istrana (Treviso).

Angela gave Him her entire earthly existence, beginning at the young age of thirteen. She entered the Congregation in Sacile on May 13, 1939, and transferred to Alba on June 1. After joyfully sharing in the Pauline charism, in the newness of those blessed years, in 1944, despite the tumult of the Second World War, she began her novitiate and made her religious profession on March 25, 1945. Having participated in the life of the Pauline House from an early age contributed to her profound love for the Congregation, which is like a unifying thread in her heart, a motivation that led to her involvement, to prayer, to offering herself in all the aspects of the life of the Institute, especially of the houses and the reality in which she was personally called to live the mission.

She made her perpetual profession on March 25, 1950, at the Mother House in Alba.

In the first years, she shared the mission in various locations: Novara, Sacile, Pescara, all communities that would be suppressed over the years. In 1954 she went to the workroom in Nogent sur Marne, France, for the first time. She returned to Italy for short periods: first in Bordighera and then at the Centro Santa Tecla in Milan. In 1958 she returned to Nogent sur Marne in France, where her main responsibility was that as driver. From 1960 to 1974 she was in Italy, always ready to collaborate in the apostolate, first in Alba, then Cinisello Balsamo for more than ten years, and then in Vicenza. From 1974 to 1985, she was in Toulouse (France); she then returned to Bordighera for some years. From 1989 to 1996 she was in France: first in Toulouse and then in Nice. In 2010 she went to Bordighera for reasons of health.

Her recent letters, especially those addressed to the Mother General expressed her intentions, questions, hopes for the situation of the delegation in France, the house of Nice, in which she carried out her apostolate for as long as her health allowed, adapting herself interiorly to the will of God.

These are some excerpts from her letters: *“I invoke Jesus in the Eucharist for all your intentions and for our beloved Congregation...It pains me to leave France because I love that nation. May God’s will be done” (undated). I am content and serene, I learned to make gliuiccio. I do it willingly. I dedicate myself and do not allow my imagination to take over. In a word, it changed my life, my spiritual life is becoming more balanced. Every morning in the Eucharist I seek to draw strength and face my daily reality more serenely. Everything is a gift, Sr. Regina, also the suffering... Everything is guided by God. I am certain that you accompany me with your prayer to sustain me...” (Bordighera, Immaculate Conception 2010).*

“You asked me to pray for France, I will not forget. After 35 years, it is impossible. I also offer part of my suffering that the Lord may assist you, and the sisters of the Council, who must

make decisions for the good of the Congregation, even if it causes me suffering. I remember you and all the intentions you have mentioned. I present you to Him as I am living in this time of trial that is so precious for my life. Mary Most Holy is near me. She gives me strength and courage to abandon myself with her to His (God's) will” (Bordighera, January 21, 2014).

Sr. M. Liliana had heart problems for several years. Last year she was diagnosed with an advanced-stage breast cancer of a particularly aggressive type that did not respond to treatment. As her condition worsened, it became necessary to transfer her to the infirmary in Sanfrè where she concluded her earthly existence surrounded by the affection of the sisters.

The Lord, who deeply loves each of his creatures, chooses to call each of his disciples to himself on a day of special significance, by which he also communicates to us a message. Sr. M. Liliana, a sister who performed a wide variety of services in the communities, besides the work in the Liturgical Apostolate Centers or in the workroom, had the capacity to schedule her day so that absolute priority was given to the Eucharistic Adoration. She usually reserved the first hours of the day for her Spouse. This Solemnity of THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST, as the day chosen to seal the eternal covenant, is a confirmation of how much the Divine Master treasured the life of this disciple, who loved him in his Eucharistic presence. The Divine Master has found in you, Sr. M. Liliana, the room prepared to celebrate his Paschal Mystery in you and with you. May you enjoy his communion of eternal life!

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