



Dear Sisters,

Today, November 15, 2016, at Bassini Hospital in Cinisello Balsamo (MI), at 3:30 PM, the Divine Master definitively called to himself our sister,

**SR. M. PIERANGELA - TERESA BOTTALLO**  
**born in S. Pietro di Govone (CN) - (Italy) on April 16, 1939.**

On September 5, 1959, at twenty years of age and the youngest of six children, she entered at the Mother House in Alba (CN), bringing in dowry the ability to sew, which she had acquired in the family. There were many young women from this area who followed the call of Jesus Master in the religious life. Among these are: Sr. M. Saveria Pistamiglio, Sr. M. Felicina Airano and Sr. M. Cecilia Cantamessa, who preceded her among the Sister Disciples of the Divine Master. She made her religious profession in Rome on March 25, 1962, at the conclusion of the year of novitiate. Ever more grateful to Jesus Master for having chosen her and with longing, she invoked his assistance for perseverance in the religious life as she followed the formative journey to perpetual profession in 1967. In accord with the custom of the time, on the feast of the Annunciation of the Lord, March 25, she consecrated herself definitively to the Divine Master.

She is remembered as a person who was meek, sociable, generous, expressing good will and responsible in the tasks entrusted to her. She loved her vocation of prayer and offering, especially for priests and for the Pauline apostolate. After completing her studies and receiving her degree, she taught the boys in the pre-seminary at Centrale di Zugliano (VI) for a brief period (1968-1973); a community the Founder desired which served to complete the basic studies for the boys who were being oriented toward the vocation. She was then transferred to Nogent Sur Marne (Paris) where she put into practice her sewing ability in the workroom in service to the liturgy. Returning to Rome, from 1975 to 1980 she offered her services at the Center for Liturgical Action, an association of those working to foster the liturgy and pastoral workers. From 1980 to 1986, she returned to the workroom at Centrale di Zugliano and then to Rome, in the General House as an assistant to the General Secretary (1986-1990). She was sent to the Office of Pontifical Ceremonies in 1990, where she dedicated herself to fulfilling this precious service with discretion, meekness, and the generosity that had always characterized her. She was particularly dedicated to the priests she met, manifesting a profound love for the priesthood of Christ in the Church. She lived the mission of the Sister Disciple daily; expressing it by fostering beauty in the liturgy and her attention to the people she met: especially seminarians, priests and bishops.

In 1993 her long and uninterrupted cavalry began: suffering from a hardening of the vascular system in the kidneys, she was required to undergo dialysis several times per week. Until 2006, although her health was precarious, she continued her service at the Office of Pontifical Ceremonies, broadening her apostolic heart to the dimensions of the universal Church. In order to favor treatment and a lifestyle more consistent with her health, she was transferred to the Divine Master Community in Cinisello Balsamo (MI). Here she continued her missionary life, especially in the apostolate of prayer and suffering. Well aware of the precarious state of her health, she wrote in 2009: *"I am fairly well, thanks be to God who gives me the strength and patience to accept and offer this sickness for the Church, the Congregation, priests and all of humanity"*. Again in 2010 she wrote to Sr. M. Regina Cesarato: *"Thank you for your words of encouragement that help me to follow my journey, accepting daily the will of God for me, until my final encounter with him"*. The Lord came to meet her and found his disciple with her lamp burning brightly. In fact, besides the other health problems, there were more recent infections in the bile ducts and the pancreas that caused her death.

Sr. M. Pierangela accepted the definitive call of the Master, in the hour in which the sisters, gathered for the 3rd Provincial Chapter in Italy, began their work with the Eucharistic Celebration at the tomb of the Founder. We receive this event as the Word of God, the paschal word that directs our journey, and we invoke her intercession from Paradise.

*Sr. M. Michaela Ronetti*