



Dear Sisters,

Today, March 5, 2012, at 6:00PM, in the Divine Master House in Albano Laziale (RM), our good and merciful Father, in his tenderness, called to himself our sister

SR. M. FEDELE - MARGHERITA OLIVERO
born in Fossano (CN) on February 23, 1931.

On her 20th birthday, February 23, 1951, Margherita entered the Congregation in Alba (CN). On February 14, writing to the vocationist, she confided: *"I truly thank the Lord for having chosen me from among my companions who would certainly have corresponded better to his call, yet he desired me!"* The pastor wrote: *"She can offer very little money but she brings much virtue and great intelligence"*, a gift that would be greatly valued. She entered the novitiate in Alba on March 24, 1952 and made her religious profession on March 25, 1953, always in Alba. She made her perpetual profession in Rome on March 25, 1958. In her request for final vows she wrote: *"Every passing day I am more content in this way I have undertaken and desire to persevere until the end"* (December 19, 1957). Immediately after profession she was sent for basic studies, which she successfully completed. She was among those preparing for a specialized service to priests. Fr. James Alberione, as the prophetic founder, had asked Mother M. Lucia Ricci to prepare some sisters in medicine. In 1958 the Superior General presented the *Congregation for Religious* the request to obtain *"authorization for the attendance at the Faculty of Medicine and Surgery at the University of Studies in Milan for the perpetually professed religious, Margherita Olivero"*. After obtaining her degree and specialization in anesthesia, in 1967, an ulterior request was made to exercise her profession as a doctor. She was then inserted into the community of Casa Gesu' Maestro in Via Portuense (RM), which from 1969 to 1980 served as a small clinic, providing great service to many sisters and priests, especially Paulines.

During the last days of the life of Blessed James Alberione, Sr. M. Fedele was especially close to him in her role as a doctor. Following the visit of Pope Paul VI on that November 26, 1971, the task of announcing to the Pauline Family members present the entrance of the dear Primo Maestro into eternity fell to her! Sr. M. Fedele did this with trepidation, but with the clarity of her medical profession. This event remained profoundly impressed in her life; she often spoke of it with emotion.

From November 1980, with the opening of the department for priests in the Regina Apostolorum Hospital in Albano, she was invited to form part of the medical team of that hospital as an anesthesiologist, a mission she fulfilled with competence and responsibility, gaining the esteem of both the doctors and the staff.

In her correspondence with Mother M. Lucia Ricci she manifested a lively interest in the events of the Congregation. For the 40th Anniversary of foundation, in 1964, she expressed her gratitude to Jesus Master who desired the Sister Disciples and to all those who cooperated that the Sister Disciples might come into being, grow and develop in a manner that was so consoling and marvelous! *"Everything is moving within me: I rejoice immensely for nothing, I suffer greatly for nothing. I give thanks to the Lord that he made me this way and I desire to use all my sensitivity for his praise and for his glory"* (February 10, 1964). She loved the liturgical life and songs for which she dedicated her strong voice, for as long as she could. For her 40th birthday she affirmed: *"I am happy to be a religious, convinced that I am in my place, I wish that all might be this content and secure... Here in the Clinic everything is proceeding normally, the patients are doing well"* (November 8, 1970). In one letter she communicated her intuition regarding the Pauline priesthood: *"This morning, as the priest spoke, it seemed that I discovered the identity of the Pauline priest. Primo Maestro had very clear ideas on this. For him the Pauline must be the promoter of the spirituality on Jesus Master with all the means of social communication, but also from a doctrinal point of view, and this must be the strict competence of the Pauline priest. I offer my poor prayer in these days for this purpose, that the charism of the Founder may be clarified and that we may be the first to benefit through a spiritual-liturgical service that is ever deeper and in conformity with our spirituality."* (October 10, 1980). In 1997 she left the hospital service and remained in the community of Albano where she could also express her love for nature through her care for the garden. She also dedicated herself to many community services, manifesting her great, attentive, generous and sensitive heart. Her health continued to deteriorate, however. Last February, following an accidental fall, she broke her right hip and underwent hip-replacement surgery. In the days following surgery she experienced cardiac and respiratory complications which led to her death. Sr. M. Fedele, intercede for us, for your nephew Monsignor Giorgio Lingua, Apostolic Nunzio in Jordan and Iraq, as you now join in the song of the Lamb with the angels, the saints, and many sisters who have already passed into eternity.

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