



Dear Sisters,

Today, February 7, 2019, in the community of Sanfrè, at 3:00 AM, the Bridegroom arrived to celebrate the eternal wedding feast with our sister,

**SR. M. DAVIDICA - ROSEMMA BRIGNOLO  
BORN IN GOVONE (CUNEO) ON MAY 28, 1927.**

Rosemma entered in Alba, as a young adolescent, on April 29, 1939. She made her religious profession in Alba on March 25, 1945, and her perpetual profession on March 25, 1950, in Waterville (Canada). As a young professed sister she was called to the missions outside of Italy: *«On July 3, 1949, aboard the ship "Atlantica" headed for New York, were the dear sisters: Sr. Maria Davidica Brignolo and Sr. Maria Casta Menoncin. Despite the inevitable homesickness that always affects those leaving the nest that has received us, we saw them leave in a manner that was generous, edifying, joyful in doing the will of God...»* (Divin Maestro, July 1949).

During that period, the communities in North America experienced an agile exchange of personnel. Therefore, Sr. M. Davidica would spend a period of time also in Canada, where she made her perpetual profession. The Superior who presented her emphasized the young sister's love for the Congregation and her desire to belong completely to Jesus. In her request she stated: *«I will strive to be a living and active member in order to please Jesus... From the Divine Master I invoke the reward and a smile!»* (Waterville, February 25, 1950).

The Divine Master heard the innovative request of the "smile" which characterized her face, making her welcoming, attentive to others, youthful so that she was not easily classified among the elderly!

She remained in the United States for 11 years, offering generous service in various communities: in New York she sought donations, in 1950 she was at the Diocesan Seminary in Fresno, and in 1960 she was at the Society of Saint Paul in Canfield.

In 1950 Mother Scholastica, with whom she had a good spiritual relationship from the time of her entrance, responded to her letter from the United States: *«I too am pleased with the grace the Lord has granted you to go to America and fulfill your apostolate as a Pious Disciple. Wherever obedience calls is always the best place, because it is there that he wants us, that is why he has us desire it first. What wonderful things are you doing? What is your apostolate? My wish is that you can do much good for the greater glory of God and for the good of our dear Congregation»*.

In 1961 she returned to Italy, where she spent a period of time at the General House, dedicated to various services. In 1965 she would be in Alba DM, always for general services and collaborating with the pastoral work for vocations. Then in 1967 in the workroom in Genoa, in 1971 in the bookbinding at Cinisello Balsamo; then in 1973 in the workroom of Florence, a city to which she would return in 1981 and then again from 1998 to 2005 as a generous and helpful cook. She had already been assistant cook in Rome SP (1982), in Albano SP (1984), in Milan RA (1984), in Rimini (2006). She would undertake this again at Alba SPCM in 2010, and in 2014 she became a member of the community of Sanfrè where she made herself useful according to her strength, which she desired to spend to the last in fraternal service. Sr. M. Davidica knew how to live and express her thanks in the significant moments of her life: after a period of grace, like the spiritual exercises, on the occasion of her 50th anniversary of profession, where she renewed her will to move forward and assure her prayer for the persons who assisted her, or after a feastday greeting, or for other circumstances. She drew strength from the Eucharist upon whom she rested her gaze and especially her heart, seeking profound communion of life and of love with the Divine Master who made her joyful and capable of smiling even in moments of difficulty.

The Lord came for her in the night: until the previous evening she shared her life with the community. Feeling ill, she called for help and received all the medical and nursing assistance possible, but she was experiencing a heart attack that would bring her to the end of her earthly pilgrimage. May Sr. M. Davidica obtain for all the sisters of the Congregation progress in the sense of the universality she experienced in her missionary life and that the entire Pauline Family may live the vocational year so that it bears great fruit!

*S. H. Paolo Hauvum*