



Dear Sisters,

Today, July 17, 2019, at 8:00 AM in the community of Albano Laziale (RM), our sister returned to the Father's House:

SR. M. GIOVANNINA- MARIA ROSARIA RENATA CUCCARELLO
born on June 3, 1923, in Fondi (Latina).

Maria Rosaria entered in Alba (CN) on November 26, 1939, in the freshness of youth, ready to give herself generously to the Divine Master. Her human and Christian formation were fostered through active participation in Catholic Action, as well as in her large family. Her entrance into the Congregation preceded that of a group of sisters from that area of central Italy, specifically from the Province of Latina. Upon completion of her initial formation, Sr. M. Giovannina made her religious profession on March 25, 1944, and her perpetual profession on March 25, 1950, always in Alba.

Following an initial period (1940) in which she was in the sewing workroom at the Mother House in Alba, in 1945 she was at St. Paul in Rome, working in the refectory. She was then engaged in the diffusion of the Gospel (1947-1949) in Florence DM, and for a short time (1950-1951) she was in the sacred art workshop in Milan. She then returned to Alba (1951- 1952) in bookbinding and embroidery, and then (1952-1954) again in Rome for the works of apostolic charity in the St. Paul House. She was then sent to the sacred art workshop in Cinisello Balsamo (1955-1958), then to the St. Paul House in Rome (1958). She spent the following years in Sanfré DM engaged in various ministries (1959-1960) and then in the workshop for sewing and embroidery in Rome-Portuense (1960-1971). Following a preparatory course, she worked as a nurse at St. Paul in Rome (1972-1973), and then in Albano, to return again as a nurse to the St. Paul House in Rome (1983-1985). Upon her re-entry into the RA House in Rome (1985-1993) she dedicated herself to sewing and embroidery. Since 1993 she resided in the community of Albano DM first in the workroom and then as an elderly and infirm sister. It was from here that the Lord called her to eternal life.

In the various stages of her life, Sr. M. Giovannina had some health issues, but she always manifested a desire for recovery and a firm resolution to return to the apostolic life. The priority given to prayer, including community prayer, certainly qualified her discipleship. Today's liturgy places her among those for whom Jesus Master praises his Father: *"I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to the childlike"* (Mt 11:25). Among these things revealed to her spirit as an evangelically childlike disciple, is certainly the comprehension of a deep and intimate relationship with Jesus Master, Way and Truth and Life. This enabled her to establish peaceful relationships with the sisters, offering to the community a charity characterized by tact and kindness. This is also evident in a document that Sr. M. Giovannina wrote as a testament: «I leave as a memorial and remembrance some of my reflections and desires...Thank you, Jesus, for all the work you have done in my soul. I am fully aware that you, Divine Spouse, have loved me

immensely. You gave me the assurance of your love because you have tried me like gold in the crucible, you are always beside me. I ask my Virgin Mother to sustain me always, may my Angel take me by the hand and accompany me in my transition from this life, to the final shore. I am certain of this serenity because I belong to him from eternity. I thank the mothers and sisters and some priests who were near me in some situations. I thank my family, my relatives who loved me. I ask pardon of all... I promise to pray and ask prayers for myself as well as Holy Masses. I now embrace all the Sister Disciples spread throughout the world, I thank the infirm sisters, and promise prayers».

At the conclusion of the story of her vocation, redacted in 2012, she wrote: «The final stage is Paradise. I entrust myself to his mercy that I may not lose my way, but that he may be the Way of light and of joy without end. He will write the number when I arrive at the terminal, where I hope to be reunited with many Sister Disciples who will celebrate my arrival, immersed with them in the light of God, of the Queen of the Apostles, with my parents, and the holy Angels who will sing a new song for me...May the Angels and Saints lead you to Paradise».

Today the Lord brought to completion the long period of infirmity for Sr. M. Giovannina, introducing her into the eternal Passover. From heaven, may she obtain for young people the courage to follow Jesus Master joyfully also in the religious consecration within the Pauline Family!

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