



Dear Sisters,

Today, February 10, 2020, on the Memorial of Saint Scholastica and the anniversary of the foundation of our Congregation, from the community of Sanfrè (Italy) our sister was invited to the eternal wedding banquet

SR. M. CAROLA – ANGELA RINALDI
born on September 19, 1926, in Algua (BG)

We all interpret the call of the Lord for this sister as a reward for her love of the Congregation and of our history, especially for Mother M. Scholastica and her wise guidance. She celebrated her Passover in the middle of the night, at 2:00 AM, the hour at which she often spent with the Divine Master in the night adorations that she preferred.

Angela entered the Congregation at Alba (CN) on October 31, 1950, at an age which, at that time, was considered adult. She had worked in the health field, and was thus formed in a spirit of sacrifice and responsibility. Following the novitiate, she made her religious profession in Alba (CN) on March 25, 1953, and her perpetual profession in Rome on March 25, 1958. During these years she completed her formation and obtained her diploma in nursing culture.

We will mention the main apostolic services she provided with great dedication and responsibility. After profession, she was at Cinisello Balsamo in sacred art and in 1959, following perpetual profession, she was in Spain at the Society of St. Paul in Zalla. Upon her return to Italy, she fulfilled the ministry of nurse and driver for various years: in Alba (1960, 1962) and in Sanfrè (1961, 1963). She also fulfilled this ministry in Cinisello Balsamo at the Saint Paul House (1967), in Ostia Antica (1969), in Turin (1982, 1986), in Vicenza (1987), in Bordighera (1972). At other times she was in the Pauline houses working in the kitchen and in the laundry. From 1994 she was in the DM house at Cinisello Balsamo (MI), primarily in the workroom until 2002 when she moved to the community of Bordighera (IM) for various services and then as a nurse until a few months ago when she was transferred to Sanfrè due to declining health.

In her letters she manifests the spiritual longing which drives her. The center of her interior life is the Paschal Mystery, union with Christ the Master, and the liturgical life. *«Every passing day I feel more stimulated interiorly and, with greater responsibility, to correspond to the vocation I received as a great gift from the Divine Master. From the daily liturgy I draw the nourishment for my spiritual life as a Sister Disciple; despite my weakness, I seek to know and love the Divine Master ever more deeply»* (to Sr. M. Paola Mancini, November 9, 1997). In her correspondence with Sr. M. Regina Cesarato, Superior General at the time, she manifests her profound search for the will of God: *«The occasions for uniting myself to the Paschal Mystery of Christ are not lacking. But if out of love he offered to undergo the cross to redeem us from sin, I must accept to do his will. It is in the trials that we prove our love»* (November 10, 2006). *«I am not worried about anything except to unite myself more closely to Jesus Master, the only true good»* (November 19, 2009). The Pauline Family was a constant intention in the offering of her suffering and prayer: *«I always remember you in prayer, especially for the entire Congregation and for the entire Pauline Family. May real progress for all be in true holiness, the longing to fulfill the will of the Divine Master, the*

sole purpose of the consecrated life» (November 5, 2012). «*I am very happy for the venerability of Mother Scholastica; I pray to her every day also for the Pauline Family»* (Christmas 2013).

This sister returned to the Father's House after suffering from a prolonged period with cancer that had metastasized.

Sr. M. Carola, you kept yourself in communion with the Divine Master in your daily earthly existence, seeking him alone. Help all of us, members of the Pauline Family, to place at the foundation of our life the clear motivation of Mother M. Scholastica: “**Lord, you alone are enough**”! In heaven may you continue to be a strong voice of intercession for our Italian Province and the the needs of the Society of St. Paul!

Sr. M. Paolo Mancini