



*Dear Sisters,*

Yesterday, October 18, 2020, on the day in which we celebrated the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus, our sister went to eternal life from the community of Cinisello Balsamo (Milan)

**SR. M. SIMONETTA – ELEONORA CHINELLO**  
**born on April 17, 1934 in Polverara (Pd) – Italia.**

Brought to the baptismal font only a few days after her birth, on April 23 she became a member of God's family and, through her parents, she began to cultivate her friendship with Jesus. Very soon, sent to a wealthy family to provide domestic service, she contributed toward the economic support of her large family and toward her formation, assuming the responsibility proportionate to her adolescence. The seed of the Christian life matured in a religious vocation and on July 12, 1950, at the age of sixteen, while the Italian society was committed to the post-war reconstruction, Eleonora left her large family to enter the Congregation in Alba, in Casa Madre. A few years later, her younger sister Lucia followed her in the vocational journey, becoming a Sister Disciple and receiving the name Adelina. She is presently a missionary in Caracas (Venezuela).

At the conclusion of the novitiate, on March 25, 1953, she made her religious profession in Alba and, on March 25, 1958 her perpetual profession in Rome. Immediately, in 1954, she was sent to the *Laboratorio di Arte Sacra* in Cinisello Balsamo (MI) where she remained for about ten years. In 1964 she went to Toulouse (France) where she offered her service, with precision and dedication, in the workshop for sewing and tailoring. In this area she developed a special expertise and competence in the production of vestments and ecclesiastical tailoring: she was thus committed to live the feminine dimension of the care for priestly vocations by imitating the domestic life of Mary of Nazareth beside Jesus, in silence and in prayer, as Father James Alberione often exhorted us. Many communities were able to appreciate her talent and value her service. Aside from a period of time at the Society of Saint Paul in Rome and in the House of Prayer in Camaldoli, she was in the workrooms in Nice (France), Vicenza, Florence, Rome, Bologna, Cagliari, Genoa, Florence, Bari, where she offered the best of herself, interweaving her dedication to the apostolate with daily Eucharistic prayer. When her physical strength diminished and her eyes were consumed by sewing, she was welcomed into the community of Sanfré, where she was able to make herself useful through the spirit of service that had always characterized her wherever she went.

In 2014 she was transferred to the RSA Jesus Master in Cinisello Balsamo. Since her illness was progressing, she was carefully assisted by the sisters and the healthcare workers. The community accompanied her closely and with prayer until she concluded her life in peace.

Let us ask Sr. M. Simonetta to continue to intercede for all the apostolic and missionary realities. May Blessed Timothy Giacardo, whom we remember on his liturgical memorial, welcome her among the Sister Disciples who are already in the Pauline community of heaven.

*Sr. M. Michaela Monetti*