



Dear Sisters,

Today, August 1, 2021, Sunday of the Bread of Life, at 11:00 AM, in the Blessed Timothy Giaccardo Community in Rome (Italy), the Divine Master definitively called to himself our sister

SR. M. TEODORA - ELEONORA IANNONE
born on January 25, 1922, in San Nicandro Garganico (FG - Italy).

Carried to the baptismal font on February 5, she received the name Eleonora. In the same parish she would also receive the other Sacraments of Christian Initiation and, from this parish, she left at the age of twenty-six to enter among the Sister Disciples of the Divine Master in Alba on October 10, 1948.

After completing the time of regular formation for the religious life of the Sister Disciples, she made her first religious profession in the Mother House in Alba on March 25, 1952. She made her perpetual profession on March 25, 1957, in Rome.

Sr. M. Teodora spent most of her life offering her service in the Pauline communities of the Society of Saint Paul, animated by the spirit of Mary Most Holy, the Mother of Jesus; as the Founder often repeated: live each day in imitation of Mary in her relationship with Jesus, the eternal priest.

In fact, from 1952 until 2000, hers was a presence of service and of prayer in the various Pauline communities: in Alba (CN), in Bari, in Catania Cibali, in Rome at Via Alessandro Severo. She remained in the communities for long periods of time: she was appreciated and esteemed for her sociable and obliging character, her spirit of prayer and sacrifice, her common sense and Pauline spirit.

The style in which she silently and generously lived translates well the meaning of the name she received at her religious profession: gift of God.

In 2001, it became necessary to transfer her to another community, and she was received in the DM community of Florence where she integrated herself well and put into practice her talent for tailoring.

Some years later, in 2006, she returned to Rome in Via Portuense, first in the Provincial community and later in the Blessed Timothy Giaccardo community, where she spent the last years of her life.

Joyful and industrious, according to her possibilities, she made herself available for indispensable services such as keeping common areas in order, especially the refectory. She, who spent many years in the large Pauline refectories of the clerics and priests and brothers, continues now with the same style of prayer and diligence.

Over time, with the decline in her physical strength, her activity was reduced, but this was not the case for prayer.

As her sickness progressed, in full lucidity of mind and with lively participation, she received the Anointing of the Sick surrounded by the community. Yesterday evening she experienced heart failure and this morning she concluded her earthly pilgrimage, surrounded by the prayer and care of the sisters.

Today's liturgy offers us the consolation of the Word of Jesus who assures us that he remains with us as the Bread of Life. May Sr. M. Teodora, who nourished herself with the Eucharist and lived for him, be admitted to the contemplation of the Face of God and intercede for the Province of Italy and especially for the Society of Saint Paul, as it prepares for the next General Chapter.

Sr. M. Michaela Monetti