



Dear Sisters,

On April 30, 2022, in the community of Albano Laziale (ROME), at 9:00 PM, the Lord called our sister to celebrate the eternal Passover

SR. M. ANDREINA - CLEMENTINA LOBINA
born on February 9, 1935, in Lunamatrona (CA).

She was the fourth of five children: one brother and four sisters. She was baptized on the day of her birth, perhaps because her life was in danger. The healthy and profoundly Christian family atmosphere contributed to her formation and also education in working. Despite her very young age, for various years she offered domestic work for a family: a work which, besides being a source of income, was also a workshop in humanity and attention to others. Thus she learned early the offering of herself in daily life.

She entered the Congregation on October 13, 1956, where, together with a large group of young women, she placed herself generously in the following of the Divine Master. Clementina radiated within herself the characteristics of her native place: Sardinia. She never lost the joviality, transparency, frankness, and spontaneity that was a gift for the community life.

After completing the novitiate in Rome, she made the religious profession in Rome with a group of 40 young women on March 25, 1959. She made her perpetual profession in Rome on March 25, 1964.

In her requests for admission to the various stages of the religious life there is a recurring phrase: *«I am always more content in my vocation and happy to follow it faithfully»*. Especially for her perpetual profession, she wrote: *«I am very happy to have embraced the religious life, humbly I ask to be admitted to the Holy Perpetual Vows in the Congregation of the Pious Disciples of the Divine Master»* (19.01.1964). For Sr. M. Andreina these were not mere words, it was her personal style, a profound conviction that sustained her in her dedicated daily life.

After her profession she was in Alba for some years at the Society of Saint Paul as a knitter. Then, after a short time at the Liturgical Apostolate Center in Milan in the tailoring department (Santa Tecla), she went to Rome. After the perpetual profession, in 1964, she spent two years in London (England) in the house of the Society of Saint Paul. Upon her return to Italy she was first at the Saint Paul seminary in Rome and then, in 1967, at the Paul-

ine Novitiate in Ostia Antica (RM). In 1969 she was assigned to the tailoring workshop in the community of Saint Mary Major, until 1970, when she returned to service at the Society of Saint Paul. In 1976 she returned to the community of Saint Mary, in the workshop for ecclesiastical tailoring. This work placed her in continual contact with the priests, whom she viewed as her little ones of the Gospel, towards whom she fostered a particular veneration. Behind a grumpy appearance, Sr. M. Andreina hid a tender heart that made her attentive to everything and to everyone, especially to the younger sisters, capable of establishing deep and lasting friendships. She was a woman of courage, as well-expressed the name she received at profession. She had a marked apostolic spirit, attentively caring for the organization of time to make it apostolically fruitful. The prayer, with which she began each day at dawn, was the source of strength for her journey.

She remained at Saint Mary until 2014, when she was transferred to Albano Laziale to provide for her health needs. For as long as her physical energy permitted, she collaborated in the community, in the laundry and wardrobe. About a year ago her health deteriorated due to cerebro-vascular problems until her earthly pilgrimage was concluded due to unexpected heart failure.

Her passage to eternal life occurred on Saturday, with two great feminine figures in the background: Saint Catherine of Siena and Armida Barelli, an exceptional woman for the relations with the Catholic University of the Sacred Heart [Sacro Cuore] (Italy) and her proposed way of sanctification emphasizing the liturgy, on the day of her beatification.

We can also say that Sr. M. Andreina obtained the benevolence of God to begin in heaven the month of May dedicated to the Virgin Mary, to whom she was greatly devoted and she showed great appreciation to those who assisted her in concluding the day with a prayer to Mary.

We want to entrust to her intercession, united with the Pauline Family in Heaven, the protection of our Pauline communities in Ukraine and the speedy conclusion of this terrible war.

S. H. Paolo Mancini