



*Dear Sisters,*

The Lord Jesus is giving us the experience of his Advent through his ordinary and extraordinary visits. Today, December 3, 2022, in the heart of the night, at 1:00 AM in Sanfrè (CN), he arrived as the Bridegroom for our sister

**SR. M. CLORINDA – ROSINA DISSEGNA  
born on December 21, 1931, in Cassola (VI).**

Rosina was baptized a few days after her birth on December 23, the vigil of Christmas. She is the eighth child of Giovanni and Sonda Luigia, a large family in which she soon experienced the joy and the struggle of fraternal relationships. Rosina received the gift of the call to a radical following of the Divine Master and, at eighteen years of age, she was ready to leave her family to enter the Congregation among the Sister Disciples of the Divine Master in Alba (CN) on October 24, 1949.

In her vocational story she mentions that already at the age of sixteen she became aware of the call, but always resisted. She narrates that during the Eucharistic adoration, following the Mass, with the Sacramentine sisters: *«I experienced a strong desire and the voice of Jesus who wanted me for himself. I spoke with my mother about it and she told me “yes”, but not in the cloister. A year later, I met a Sister Disciple, then with the help of the vocation director I entered on October 24, 1949. What made me decide to join the Sister Disciples was the Eucharistic Adoration»* (May 1, 2012). The sense of belonging totally to Jesus helped her to overcome the various difficulties that arose during her life.

Following the regular period of initial formation and the novitiate, she made her first profession in Alba on March 25, 1952. She made her perpetual profession in Rome on March 25, 1957.

After perpetual vows she began her apostolic life. Initially she was in the bookbinding in Alba. She then went to the communities of the Society of St. Paul in Modena (1959) and Vicenza in (1961). In 1962 she returned to the bookbinding in Alba. From 1965 until 1968 she was at the Society of St. Paul in Rome and then she resumed her service in the bookbinding which, in the meantime, was transferred from Alba to Cinisello Balsamo DM (MI).

She soon manifested her managerial abilities, due to her style of fraternal closeness and simplicity: thus, she began assuming a series of mandates as local superior in various communities. The sisters were able to experience her kindness, patience and sensibility in holding high the values of the spiritual-charismatic life. She would be local superior in

Cinisello Balsamo (1971), in Catania (1974), in Vicenza DM (1978) in Sanfrè for two terms (1980), in Palermo (1987), in Albano DM (1990), in Rome Beato Timoteo (1993). From 1997 until 2009 she served two terms as local superior in the Madre Lucia community, where the workers for the Central Telephones in the Vatican resided. And for two consecutive terms she was responsible for the San Pietro community at the Souvenir shops in Saint Peter's. She then went to the community in Turin for various services and in 2013 she went to Sanfrè as an elderly sister and later as infirm. She was affected by several pathologies, especially on the cognitive level, which gradually rendered her totally dependent, always cared for with dedication and love by the sisters and by the attending personnel. During the night she died due to heart failure.

In her correspondence there is a recurring theme of offering, which does not underestimate the difficulty of accepting the limits, for example of health, but she is certain that *«whatever the Lord permits is always for the greater good»*. *«The Divine Master asks us to follow him daily on the way of the cross, he also gives us the grace to bear it with love (even if it is difficult)»*.

The spirit of sacrifice animated and sustained her, always with broad intentions, especially for vocations and for the Pauline Family.

She bears witness with the simplicity of the little ones who entrust themselves totally to God: *«I am content and happy to be a Sister Disciple in the Pauline Family. With the help of Jesus Master, of the Queen of Apostles and of Saint Paul to walk with my sisters in the way of sanctity until the last day of my life. Every day of my life I renew my total consecration: In honor...I trust in the help of Him who has called me and is faithful. Amen»*.

Sr. M. Clorinda, you followed the path of sanctification in fidelity to the adoration, in simplicity, in communion with the sisters, in joy and in conformity to the will of God, from heaven help us as Sister Disciples in every part of the world preparing for the 10th General Chapter. May we, together with the community of Paradise, which is continually increasing, experience with certainly *The beauty of the Encounter, the joy of a mandate since we too have seen the Lord (cf. Jn 20:18)*. Accompany us in living fruitfully the preparation for the Centennial of foundation as we walk: *In the footsteps of Jesus like the women of the Gospel*.

*S. H. Paolo Mancini*