



*Dear Sisters,*

Today, December 10, 2022, the Memorial of Our Lady of Loreto, accompanied by the Virgin Mary, our sister was introduced into the eternal wedding feast

**SR. M. ANGELA - MARIA MARINANGELI  
born on October 26, 1952 in San Severino Marche (MC).**

She was the third of the four children of Marinangeli Quintino and Marchetti Ester. Two days after her birth, on October 28, she was brought to the baptismal font in the parish church of Saint Apollinarius in Serrarla, where she received the name of Maria and became a daughter of God.

From Marche, where her parents were primarily dedicated to agriculture, the family moved to Milan. There her father found work as a sacristan, assuring stability for the growing children.

As an adolescent, Maria manifested the desire to consecrate herself to the Lord. The pastor attested that the girl desiring to enter a religious community came from a practicing Christian family. They could rely on her and hope for a good outcome. Her parents also confirmed that «the girl has freely chosen the religious state without any pressure on our part». Thus Maria joined the youngest aspirants in Alba on September 25, 1965, bringing with her the gift of cheerfulness and vivacity, a ringing and resounding voice, that lifted the heart in song.

Having completed the novitiate in Rome, she made her first profession on March 24, 1973 and her perpetual profession on March 24, 1979, always in Rome.

During the months following her perpetual profession she was in the *Regina Apostolorum* community in Rome as sacristan, then assisting in Ariccia in the Casa Divin Maestro, then at the retreat house of Centrale di Zugliano. In October of the same year she began attending the teaching institute in Rimini and obtained her master's degree in 1983.

She was then dedicated in the Liturgical Apostolate Center in Palermo for three years; in 1986, she was local superior in the DM Community of Cinisello Balsamo for one term and then superior in the house of the Society of St. Paul (1990-1994), in the same town.

In Turin she was dedicated to the study of religious sciences and received the diploma in 1999. In the meantime she was also engaged in youth ministry. Following a period of time at the Provincial House in Rome, working in the Roman Liturgical Apostolate Center (CRAL) she was appointed superior, for two terms, in the Casa Madre community of St. Paul in Alba (2000-2006).

The mission horizons broadened for her beyond the borders: having learned French she departed for Ouagadougou (Burkina Faso) and offered her services there for two years.

Upon her return to Italy she was sent to the Community of San Petronio of Bologna and participated in the liturgical and artistic pastoral work done by the community. From 2012 until 2015 she was local superior in Palermo and contributed toward the animation of the liturgical singing in the diocesan celebrations.

The need soon emerged to care for her health: epileptic crises appeared and she was recalled to the Provincial House in Rome for investigation. The symptoms manifested themselves more frequently and more severely: she was forced to undergo strong treatments and hospitalizations. Then, in 2016, she was transferred to the community of Sanfrè where she received the necessary treatments and the atmosphere of prayer and community fostered serenity and security. In the last years Alzheimer's disease made the situation even more painful. To this complicated clinical picture was added Covid-19, which led to her death.

Expansive and communicative by nature, she lived the consecration to Jesus Master cheerfully, in a spirit of service and with great availability. The friendships she cultivated and manifested rendered her attentive to the various events in the lives of the sisters. Even in her role as community animator her heart reached out to the persons and she made them feel at ease.

In her writings there is an evident desire, continually renewed, of conforming herself to Jesus Master, the awareness of her limits and the sense of belonging to the Congregation and to the Pauline Family. *«I bless and thank the Triune God for his great kindness and grace which never allowed me to be deprived of anything, even when I did not deserve it. I bless him because I am His pious disciple today and each passing day I am more happy to be one. Difficulties and suffering have not been lacking, in addition to the graces, joys, understanding, and kindness in these 32 years of life offered to him and for his glory».*

She was grateful for having been given the possibility of assisting my father before his death: she affirms that during that time *«I recovered the serenity that comes from working for the Lord and I discovered a large family, my community, the Congregation, the Pauline Family, the people that I meet. It seems that I have no more ties in the flesh, but the bonds of the Spirit are strengthening»* (to Sr. M. Regina Cesarato, 20.09.05).

She was aware of her weaknesses and mistakes, but also that everything is a school of life for a new journey toward conforming to Jesus Master, while *remaining in humility and reparation*. With the prospect of assuming the task of responsibility for a community, she proposed: *«I want to be the lowest sister, to be an example of prayer, of humility and of charity. From each one I will learn the fastest way to Heaven: the beatitude of God»* (15.10.2012).

Facing with growing awareness the consequences of the serious illness that affected her too soon, the impossibility of being as useful in the community as she would have liked, she wrote to Sr. M. Giovanna Colombo, the Provincial Superior at the time: *«I pray and sacrifice for the glory of God and the good of every sister. May the Lord send new and holy vocations to our Province. On my part, I would like to do more, but I have come to understand that I must proceed with calm and patience: in this way everything becomes an offering, reparation, and prayer».*

Thus, today she concluded a long and painful calvary, during which she was with Mary, the Mother of Jesus, at the foot of the Cross. For some years she had fulfilled the apostolate of suffering, offering with an apostolic spirit whatever was possible. She who loved communication was gradually deprived of speech. But it is exactly in this silent dialogue, which is possible only with the Bridegroom who is invisible but always present, that it became more intense.

The novitiate group to which she belonged was called: *Alleluia!* to bear witness to the Easter joy that characterized the group. Today her novitiate companions bid Sr. Maria Angela to sing eternally the wonders of the Lord, to sing the canticle of the Lamb! And like the bride of Jesus Master to receive the crown of fidelity!

We entrust to her our communities seeking the face of God; we desire that they may become more authentic in this preparation for the the 10th General Chapter. That we may become capable of a new song and that the music of the Gospel may continue to resound in our lives and in our houses!

*S. H. Paolo Mancini*