



*Dear Sisters,*

On April 9, 2024, in the Community of Sanfrè (Italy), at 2:45 PM, Jesus Master, the Living One, definitively called to himself our sister

**SR. M. SANTINA – ANGELINA GRAIZZARO**  
**born on April 26, 1943, in Campodalbero-Crespadoro (Vicenza - Italy).**

The third child, after two boys, the little girl was brought to the baptismal font on Sunday, May 2, 1943, and received, together with the gift of faith, the name Angelina. Upon completion of elementary school in Campodalbero, a splendid Alpine village situated in the Prealpi Vicentine, in the high valley of Chiampo, she moved with her family to Cinisello Balsamo (Milan), where her father and eldest brother were already working. She worked in a factory and was actively involved in Catholic Action: thus her religious vocation matured. Assisted and guided by the confessor, at the age of 17 she decided to enter among the Sister Disciples of the Divine Master in Alba (Casa Madre), on September 4, 1960.

She was a promising young woman, who loved the mission of the Institute and had the interior life specific to the Sister Disciples. Upon completing the novitiate, on March 25, 1963, she made her religious profession in Rome and, after five years of temporary vows, she made her perpetual profession on March 25, 1968, also in Rome.

She lived the religious consecration in various communities: Alba (CN) in 1963 she assisted the formator of the postulants, and her gifts for human and spiritual pedagogy emerged, gifts that later would be appreciated in the formative commitment for the young professed, as formator for the Juniors (1984 – 1993), and as Novice Mistress (2002 – 2016).

During her time of temporary vows, she offered her service as secretary for the Centro Azione Liturgica (CAL), an association of liturgical scholars and pastoral workers desired by the Italian Episcopal Conference. At various times, then, she collaborated in the Liturgical Apostolate Centers in Naples, Bologna, Milan (S. Tecla) and Nice in France.

In October of 1971, she was transferred to the Vatican where she worked in the Office of Liturgical Ceremonies of the Supreme Pontiff and remained there until 1981. The years of service in this Office were a continual school for her, not only in the knowledge of the significance and the history of the liturgical rites, but especially for the contact with the Word of God and the eucharistical texts. Everything was a formative opportunity for her spiritual and human growth, as were the fraternal relationships with numerous ecclesiastical personalities who enriched her life with a broad ecclesial horizon. She often spoke about this time of grace, of the opportunities to serve the Catholic Church during



the Conclaves and the celebration of the Holy Year, of the universal atmosphere and the beauty of a life entirely dedicated to the faithful people of God.

From 1981 to 1993, she was the Regional Secretary and a Regional Councilor, together with the task of accompanying the Juniors in the specific formation for the mission of the Sister Disciples.

She loved her vocation intensely and she found ways to cultivate the spirituality, a deep prayer life, the love of the Eucharist and of the priesthood of Christ in which the people of God participate in various ways. In the liturgical action, she found the source and culmination of the Christian life and the desire that it be lived and shared in the Spirit of God.

When she was entrusted with the novices, the international novitiate in Rome, she was aware of the seriousness of the responsibility awaiting her: she entrusted herself to the Divine Master, who is the only formator of his Disciples, utilizing with ingenious pedagogy the daily art of proximity and love that enabled her to understand better the complexity of the human soul in each one, and also of the new generations. She was aware of her limitations and she willingly entrusted herself to the prayers of everyone and to a confident collaboration with the major superiors. She loved nature and fostered a realistic sense of daily life, able to read a good word in the events, in nature and in the care of herself and of things.

One sister who had her as Novice Mistress testifies: «Sr. M. Santina knew how to walk with the young women in formation, giving them space to grow integrally, fostering human, Christian and religious beauty.

With her novices spread throughout the world, she always maintained a spiritual and human care, even after Profession, and sought to accompany them from a distance especially through prayer and her wise and profound simplicity, but especially with a maternal presence that directed the daughters to seek the happiness of life in Jesus Master. Sr. M. Santina loved us and all of the sisters. For us, who had the blessing of knowing her as novice mistress, there remains the example of a Sister Disciple who always found her strength in Jesus Master and in the protection of the Madonna to whom she was greatly devoted and she encouraged us in this» (Sr. M. Louise O'Rourke).

Over time, the hyperthyroidism, from which she suffered from a young age, caused her health to weaken and, in 2010, she was diagnosed with thyroid cancer which required surgery. With heart pathology and hypertension, as well as physical and neurological weaknesses, she was first transferred to Alba and then to Sanfré, where she concluded her earthly pilgrimage, comforted by the care of the sisters, the Anointing of the Sick and by the prayer of those who accompanied her in the final moment.

Sr. M. Santina, we trust that you are able to participate in the eternal Liturgy of Heaven, for which you cultivated the desire in your life and transmitted it to those who shared the journey with you. To you we entrust in a special way, the young in formation, the novices of the Pauline Family so that, together, they may correspond to the dream that God, in Jesus Master, shared with us: «I have eagerly desired to share this Passover with you»!

*Sr. M. Michaela Haneth'*