



Dear Sisters,

On Thursday, April 10, 2025, from the Community of Sanfrè (Italy), at 9:00 PM, the Divine Master called to himself our sister

SR. M. LILIANA – MICHELINA RAVERA
born on March 14, 1941, in Masone GE (Italy).

On Sunday, March 16, 1941, the little girl was brought to the baptismal font of the Cristo Re Parish (Masone). Together with the gift of divine adoption, she received the name Michelina, and entered into the universal family of God.

Already familiar with the Pauline Institute of the Sister Disciples of the Divine Master, she entered the Congregation in Alba (Casa Madre) on January 9, 1956, while still an adolescent. At the conclusion of the same year, her sister, Rosa, (Sr. M. Rosaura † 08-04-2005) would follow her example. Together they followed the various stages of initial formation in the religious life: postulancy, novitiate, religious profession (March 25, 1959, in Rome) and the time of temporary vows until perpetual profession (in Rome on March 25, 1964). Sisters by blood and by religious vocation, they shared in the love of Jesus Master Way, Truth and Life and in apostolic zeal at the service of the Eucharist, the Priesthood and the Liturgy.

During the first years of religious life, she was dedicated to professional formation for the apostolate: in June of 1961, in Rome, she obtained the diploma in secondary school – female industrial type in studies. She showed herself to be a promising young woman: docile, with a spirit of sacrifice and love for the mission and for the religious family of the Sister Disciples of the Divine Master. In deepening and experiencing the various forms of the apostolate, she found that they corresponded to her ideal.

Silent and timid by nature, she was often gripped by uncertainty, but she was also generous. She committed herself to pursue the objective of corresponding ever better to the vocation she received. She loved the Eucharistic adoration and matured daily in the liturgical spirit for herself and for the exercise of the mission. The majority of her life was spent in the Liturgical Apostolate Centers.

There are many dioceses and Italian cities in which Sr. Liliana collaborated for the growth and formation in the liturgical life of the people of God: Turin, Bologna, Naples, Florence, Rimini, Rome (SMM), Milan, etc.



In January of 1978, she departed as a missionary to Venezuela. She was appointed Councilor of the Delegation and offered her collaboration in the Liturgical Apostolate Center in Caracas, until 1984. She returned to Italy for the celebration of her 25th Anniversary of Religious Profession and did not return to Venezuela. She became a member of the Region of Italy (at that time), with the assignment in Florence.

Diligent and of few words, her presence was always discreet but active; with her talent for tailoring, she could also dedicate herself in the workrooms for sewing and ironing in the Pauline communities and those of the Sister Disciples in Turin (DM) and in Sanfrè.

Among her handwritten documents, there was one that was unusual, which I found very moving. She expressed her desire in a testament, dated February 7, 1970: *“I, Michelina Ravera, who in the Congregation of the Sister Disciples of the Divine Master received the name Sr. M. Liliana: With the permission of the Superior General, I intend to donate, freely and spontaneously, my eyes to a person who is able to receive them at the moment of my death that they may be able to see the wonders of God and love him more. Sincere thanks to those who will assist me in the fulfillment of this last act of charity. In the name of the Lord, Sr. Maria Liliana Ravera”*.

It shows a great sensitivity and profound solidarity that goes beyond the short horizons of our earthly life. It also attests to the voluntary and sincere adhesion to the good practice of organ donation, as a generative gesture for others, even those who are unknown.

Dear Sister, now that you see your and our life from the perspective of God’s gaze, intercede for us and for those who were dear to you – family, priests, seminarians, friends and benefactors – so that, with a purified gaze, they may truly see the wonders of God and love him ever more.

Rest in the peace and in the light of the House of the good Father, the source of life and endless joy.

Rome, April 12, 2025

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