



Dear Sisters,

Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at 1:30 PM, Jesus Master definitively called to himself our sister

SR. M. FIORINA – MICHELINA SPINELLI
born on March 4, 1935, in Falerno CZ (Italy).

On Sunday, March 24, 1935, the newborn daughter of the Spinelli household was baptized in the parish of “S. Tommaso d’Aquino” at Falerna, in the Province of Catanzaro, and, together with the gift of the Christian faith, she received the name Michelina. She was raised in a farm setting, rich in human and Christian values, and in the healthy beauty of nature that fosters an interior listening to the voice of God.

The witness of her paternal aunt, Sr. M. Nicodema Spinelli († 22-10-1972), aroused in the adolescent Michelina the courage to respond to the Lord’s call, and to face the long journey from her native place to Alba (CN). On August 10, 1950, she left her beautiful hometown facing the Tyrrhenian Sea and reached “Casa Madre” in Piedmont, to begin the formative journey in consecrated life. Having barely reached the age of 15, she was an adolescent who matured in the family and parish setting, generously disposed to follow Jesus Master, Way, Truth and Life.

She learned about the Institute, its mission in the Church and in the Pauline Family, drawn by the Eucharistic adoration for the glory of God and the peace of humanity.

At the completion of the novitiate, on March 25, 1953, she made her religious profession in the chapel of Casa Madre in Alba (CN) and five years later, on March 25, 1958, she made her perpetual profession in Rome.

Given her marked practical sense and disposition to make herself available for the various needs presented by daily life, whether in the apostolate or in community life, Sr. M. Fiorina spent her days between the kitchen, the refectory, the workroom or the laundry in various communities in northern and southern Italy, especially at the communities of the Society of Saint Paul.

It is the spirit of Mary Most Holy, the Mother of Jesus Master, that animated and motivated the generous offering of her physical, mental and affective energies, as Father Alberione always taught us: *“Live your daily service imitating the maternity of Mary toward Jesus, the*



Consecrated One of the Father”. This translates and bears witness to the deep and simple Marian devotion that always characterized her spiritual life. The settings and the brothers of the Pauline communities in Alba, Vicenza, Rome SP, Bari, Albano CA, Florence saw her working like Martha and praying like Mary, the sisters of Bethany and disciples of Jesus Master. And, in most cases, they were formative communities, in which the young Pauline candidates, advised by their formators, were exposed to the example of life of the Sister Disciples.

Also the communities of the Sister Disciples – in Cinisello Balsamo, Genoa, Rome SMM, Bordighera, Regional House in Rome, Albano DM – know the preciousness of her hands animated by apostolic charity and fidelity to prayer, especially in Eucharistic adoration. They are also aware of the fragility of her health, which gradually continued to weaken. Aware of the difficulties she would be required to face due to respiratory, cardiac, and later renal insufficiency, she collaborated in the treatments and in the progressive acceptance of every life entirely consecrated to God.

In the last months, with the serenity that comes from a trusting faith, she faced various hospitalizations, until on April 11, when, in an emergency, she was hospitalized in the pneumatology ward of the Hospital *Regina Apostolorum* in Albano Laziale. Last Sunday, April 15, she received the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, in which she participated in a manner that was active and alert, to prepare to meet the beloved Spouse she had sought throughout her life.

Sr. M. Fiorina, in this time of immediate preparation for the Sacred Triduum of the Passion and Resurrection of our Master and Lord Jesus, you are an eloquent reminder for all of us of the ending of our life: that we are pilgrims of Hope and to remember every day that our Hope is Christ, crucified and risen, and that nothing can separate us from his love.

Rome, April 16, 2025

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