



*"Faith in the resurrection  
opens up fraternal communion  
beyond the threshold of death ...".*  
(RoL 24)



Today, 29 June 2024 at 5.30 am  
in the community of Negrar, our sister  
**CATERINA, sr M. CECILIA SERRI**  
has parted this earthly life.  
She was 94 years old and 66 years of religious life.

On the Solemnity of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul, a feast dear to the whole Church and the Pauline Family, the Father called to himself our sister Cecilia, a gifted Pastorella, with a joyful heart who can now fully sing the words of the day's psalm: *I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise shall be ever in my mouth.*

Caterina was born on 30 May 1930 in Sarzano di Casina (RE) and was baptized on 1 June of the same year in the parish of Sarzano dedicated to San Bartolomeo Apostolo. She entered the Congregation in Albano Laziale-Casa Madre on 8 September 1953 and the novitiate on 2 September 1956. She made her first profession on 3 September 1957 taking the name of M. Cecilia.

Since her initial formation, Sr Cecilia revealed herself to be a simple, joyful, serene, generous sister, available and open to always learning what was best for the apostolate. She was a prayerful sister and had a spirit of sacrifice in the mission entrusted to her. She showed a great sense of belonging to the Congregation and as long as she could, she followed the mission of the Pastorelle with interest, in Italy and abroad. She joyfully joined the entire Negrar community in praying and offering for vocations and for the mission until the end.

Immediately after her first profession, she was sent for the apostolate to Polpet (BL) where she remained for the entire time of her temporary vows. She made her Perpetual Profession on 3 September 1962 in Albano Laziale - Mother House and resumed her pastoral ministry in various parishes where she was mainly engaged in catechetics, in the formation of pastoral workers, in teaching in kindergarten, which she carried out in various communities, periodically taking some sabbatical time: 1962 Bevilacqua (VR); 1967 in Corbola (RO); 1973 student in Albano Laziale - Mother House; 1974 Lusina (RO); 1976 Soave Mantovano (MN); 1982 Sabbatical year in Albano Laziale - Mother House; 1983 Transacqua (TN); 1984 Corbola

(RO); 1993 Longa (VI); 1996 Novoledo (VI); 1998 Negrar (VR) Sabbatical year; 1999 Cive (PD) and in 2007 she went to Negrar (VR) where she held various roles, until 2021 when her situation made it necessary for her to transfer with the other sisters who were sick.

*Sr Cecilia is described as a person with a beautiful heart, generous and keen to learn. She was a humble person; she recognized her limitations and therefore she joyfully appreciated what other sisters or lay people managed to achieve. She loved everyone and everyone loved her presence. She loved much and was very attentive to the kindergarten children, maintaining interesting relationships with their parents. She was admired by adults and older people. She greatly enjoyed individual contact with people rather than speaking to groups of people or assemblies. Her smile was captivating and always ready. Cecilia prayed a lot and, on her way to church to attend the sacred functions, the rosary was always in her hands. Thank you, Sr Cecilia, you have given us so much!*

We thank the staff and the sisters who during Sr Cecilia's time of illness offered her medical care, spiritual and fraternal support and allowed her to live her paschal mystery with serenity and trust.

We give thanks to the Good Shepherd for the gift of the life of this Pastorella, and we ask Sr Cecilia to intercede for us and for the Pastors of the Church, fidelity to the Gospel and the missionary courage of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul.

Sr Aminta Sarmiento Puentes  
Superior General

Rome, 29 June 2024  
Solemnity of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul