



*“Faith in the resurrection  
opens up fraternal communion  
beyond the threshold of death ...”.*

(RoL 24)



Today, 17 May 2023 at 11.20pm,  
at the Castelli di Ariccia Hospital (RM), our sister  
**ASSUNTA, sr M. RENATA CALABRÒ**  
passed away from her earthly life.  
She was 83 years old and 62 years of Religious Life.

As we entrust our sister Renata to the mercy of the Father, we listen to the communion antiphon taken from the Gospel of John: *I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last*, and give thanks for the gift of her life given to the Good Shepherd, and for the pastoral ministry that she lived with simplicity and joy.

Assunta was born on 26 July 1939 in Montebello Jonico (RC) and was baptized in the Archpriest Church of Maria SS. of the Presentation, on 6 August 1939, in her hometown. She entered the Congregation on 3 November 1954 in Albano Laziale – Mother House, and on 2 September 1959 she entered the novitiate. She made her first profession in Albano – Mother House on 3 September 1960, taking the name of Maria Renata.

The sisters testify that Sr Renata was a joyful, sociable sister gifted with a practical intelligence, a strong character, capable of asking for forgiveness and who loved the pastoral mission. Assunta chose Renata as her profession name, to indicate that she embraced the vocation of Sister of Jesus Good Shepherd as a new birth. A re-birth from above. It was easy to talk to her about the Lord, even when her fiery character led her to insist on something she didn't think was right... but a smile and a reminder was enough to consider every time that *"the Lord has been good to us"* and she immediately would calm down and apologize. She had a deep affection for her family

and tender feelings for her many nephews and nieces; she shared the bond she had with her family with the sisters of the community and she brought the family-style to the parish community, where she carried out her mission as Pastorella.

After her first profession, Sr Renata was sent to Conche di Codevigo (PD) and in 1963 to Bonavigo (VR). She made her perpetual vows in Albano–Mother House on 3 September 1965. She continued her pastoral ministry, mainly in teaching kindergarten and pastoral care of families in the following communities: 1967 Statte (TA), where she also carried out the service of superior; 1983 Sant'Angelo di Celle (PG); 1987 Reggio Calabria (RC); 1998 Albano Lazio; 1999 Taranto (TA); 2009 Lamezia Terme (CZ).

In 2022, due to her poor health, Sr Renata returned to Albano Laziale-Mother House. We thank the sisters of the Albano community and staff for the loving, generous and patient care they have offered her, particularly in the last period of illness, to relieve her of various health problems. We thank the Good Shepherd for the gift of life and vocation of Sr Renata and we ask her intercede the gift of peace and the abundance of the gifts of the Holy Spirit for the 10th General Chapter.

*Sr Aminta Sarmiente Puentes*

Superior General

Rome, 17 May 2023

St Giulia Salzano