



*Faith in the Resurrection  
opens us to fraternal communion  
beyond the threshold of death.  
(RoL 24)*



Today, 25 March 2022 at 14:15,  
at the Castelli Romani Hospital – Ariccia (RM)  
our sister **RITA, DOLORES FLORIS**  
has returned to the Father's house  
She was 84 years of age and 61 years of religious life.

Today, on the Solemnity of the Annunciation, the Father has called to himself our sister Dolores, who lived her *here I am Lord* in joyful consecration as Pastorella.

Sr. Dolores was born in Santulussurgiu (CA) on August 25, 1937 and was baptized on September 2, 1937 in her native town. As a child she was orphaned by her mother along with a younger brother; a suffering that she lived with a spirit of faith.

She entered the congregation in Albano Laziale – Casa Madre on 14 February 1957 and in the novitiate on 02 September 1959. She did her first profession in Albano Laziale on 03 September 1960 and was sent to Sedilo (OR) as a kindergarten teacher. A time dedicated to teaching and preparation for perpetual profession, which she did in Albano Laziale – Casa Madre on 03 September 1965. In Sedilo, she was superior of the community from 1969.

*A sister testifies: I lived in Sedilo with Sr. Dolores for three years, during the time of the juniorate. She was a good, generous and peaceful sister. Having encountered some difficulties, we were inspired to write a long letter to Primo Maestro. Fr. Alberione responded to each of us individually by promising us his prayer and blessing, encouraging us to overcome difficulties. A gesture that we have always remembered with joy and enthusiasm until a few days before his death.*

Inserted in the pastoral reality, Sr. Dolores continued to carry out her educational ministry willingly and for some time in two parish communities: from 1973 to 1979 in San Martino in Campo (PG) and from 1980 to 1991 in Sant'Egidio (PG). While from 1992 to 2001 she was transferred to the community of Perugia – Ponte San Giovanni, engaged in parish catechesis. And from 2002 to 2018 she was sent to the town of Perugia – Monteluca where she dealt with the formation of pastoral workers.

In 2019 she returned to Albano Laziale – Casa Madre because of precarious health. She had diabetes, an illness with which she had learned to live for many years.

We thank the sisters of Albano Laziale and the staff who work in the community, who accompanied Sr. Dolores with love in the time of her illness. And let us bless Jesus the Good

Shepherd for the gift of Sr Dolores' vocation and let us ask our sister to intercede for the gift of peace for the people of Ukraine in this time of great suffering.

*Sr Aminta Sarmiento Puentes*  
Superior General

Verona, 25 March 2022  
*Solemnity of the Annunciation*