



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



Today, 27 October 2025, at 01.50 am (local time),
in the community of Mother House – Albano Laziale, our sister

LOREDANA, Sr M. VERITAS CANZIAN

has parted this earthly life.

She was 80 years old and 61 years of religious life.

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly see his face. The Entrance antiphon of today's liturgy describes the life and mission of Sr Loredana, who today returned to the Father's House, having believed in the power of the Lord, the Good Shepherd whom she loved and followed faithfully in her pastoral ministry.

Loredana was born on 18 May 1945 in Fontanellette (TV). She was baptised in the Parish Church of Fontanellette (TV) on 31 May 1945. She entered the Congregation on 15 September 1959 at the Mother House in Albano Laziale and entered the novitiate on 2 September 1963. She made her first profession on 3 September 1964, taking the name Maria Veritas, and remained in Albano Laziale to dedicate herself to her studies. In 1965, she was sent to the community of Bari, where she was entrusted with catechesis at the diocesan level and was appreciated for her sensitivity and preparation.

She made her perpetual profession on 3 September 1969, at the Mother House in Albano Laziale. In her application for admission to perpetual profession, she wrote: *"I desire to be an authentic and complete Religious to fully fulfil my vocation in the Church. I trust greatly in the support of community life, and for this reason, I commit myself to the practice of true and sincere charity so that every community in which I find myself may truly be a "little Church."*

From her initial formation, Sister Loredana was described as a person of profound faith and piety, with great intellectual abilities, objective, simple, good relations with everyone, detached from herself, a lover of community life, good character, generous, responsible, and open to all pastoral needs.

She performed various governance services with competence, generosity, and dedication: Provincial Councillor, Provincial Secretary, Junior Sisters Formator, and community superior.

She carried out her pastoral ministry with great zeal, in Italy and Albania, primarily in the field of catechesis and the formation of pastoral workers: 1970 Albano Laziale (RM); 1978 Castellammare – Annunziata (NA); 1982 Rieti (RI); 1983 Albano Laziale (RM); 1989 Napoli – Marechiaro; 1998 Lavorate (SA); 2005 Pannarano (BN); 2010 Ponte San Giovanni (PG); 2014 Ungrej di Kashniet (ALBANIA); 2015 Skutari (ALBANIA), where she remained until 2020, when she was forced to return to Italy for health reasons.

She dedicated herself with skill to teaching literary subjects, both at the Mother House and in the school, instilling in the younger generations a passion for culture, knowledge, and, above all, a life experience. In this commitment, she successfully combined teaching with pastoral work.

Having returned to Albano Laziale – Mother House, Sr Loredana received all the care she needed for her health and the affection of those around her. We thank the sisters and staff who, over the years, offered Sister Loredana so much love, medical care, and support at every stage of her illness. The sisters testify: *She endured her illness in silence, self-sacrifice, and docility. She left us on “tiptoe”, just as she had endured this time of illness. I was fortunate to be with her in the Mission Land. She didn't speak Albanian, but her presence was vital to our people and the Community. Her kindness of heart, that of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, touched everyone's hearts. Inclusive kindness, available, always attentive to the poorest and most vulnerable. Gentleness was her hallmark, never power or domination: only service and fraternity towards all. Her knowledge of the parish of Bari was, and continues to be, a gift to the Fermentim community. Her affectionate and simple gestures spoke, rather than words, to the hearts of young and old, in a mission land that she loved and that loved her in return. Our community in Fermentim will continue to feel her presence in the physical and spiritual spaces that saw, heard, touched, and loved her.*

Sister Loredana, as we entrust you to the Father's Mercy, we thank you for your witness as a Pastorella, deeply in love with the Good Shepherd and his People, whom you served with love and joy. We entrust to your intercession our missionary communities, especially Albania, and vocations for the Church and our Pauline Family.

Sr Aminta Sarmiento Puentes
Superior General

Rome, 27 October 2025
St Evaristus, Pope