



In remembrance of

Sister MARIA ASSUNTA PACE

1 November 1934 - 2 October 2023

Sister Maria Assunta was born in Pratola Peligna, in the province of L'Aquila, on 1 November 1934, to Berardino Pace and Maria Assunta Di Nino. She had two brothers and a sister currently living.

Sister Maria Assunta left for France at a very young age to begin her formation, having benefited from the presence of a community of Marist Fathers in her parish.

After her profession on 25 March 1954, she remained in France at St. Prix for a few years.

In 1957, she returned to Italy to the Community of Castiglion Fiorentino to begin her mission in her own country.

Sister Maria Assunta was rich in gifts that she was able to share every day.

In her early years in Italy, she embarked on studies that allowed her to study humanities and religious subjects in greater depth so that she could involve many young people and families in the places where she was present and by teaching in high schools, giving them opportunities to enrich their lives.

The parish priest of Candiolo recalls that after Sr Maria Assunta moved to another community, several young people in the parish (who did not attend church very much) told him of their great suffering because Sr Maria Assunta was no longer with them.

On another occasion when she was on a visit to this parish, people called her from the balconies of their houses while she was in the street and asked her to call in. Of course she stopped several times.

In all the communities she worked with passion, always seeking the good of

the young people, developing the oratories and family meetings. The testimonies received at the time of her passing remember her with much affection as she was for them a cornerstone and an important reference, a driving force in the adventures they lived together, always tenacious and enthusiastic. In other words, she was the 'Marist Sister' for them.

Although she had no personal means of transport, she reached the people she had to meet by walking kilometres through the streets of the parish communities without ever getting tired.

She was a Marist Sister who was always admired for the way she lived her mission as a religious. Her life of great faith was impressive. She showed simplicity and prayer, great generosity and tireless work in the responsibilities entrusted to her.

In the last years of her life, she was struck by illness, which necessitated specialised support.

Her funeral was celebrated on 5 October 2023 at 3pm in the small Church of the 'Menegazzi' Institute in Treviso, with the participation of two grand nephews, the Superior General Sr. Sylvette, the Marist Sisters, and many people from the communities of Monigo and Ponzano Veneto who were fond of her and where she had ministered for many years.

After the ceremony, her body was buried in the cemetery of Ponzano Veneto, where the Italian Marist Sisters who preceded her rest.

We thank Sr. Maria Assunta for her life lived in abandonment to God's will. Her memory will always be present in our hearts.

May she rest in peace.

