

Dearest Sisters,

At 3:45 a.m. today, just before dawn, the Divine Master visited the São Paulo Clinics Hospital in São Paulo, Brazil, to gently call to himself our sister:

GALLINARI SR. IDALINA MARGARIDA
born in Penópolis (Lins), Brazil on 22 February 1940.

Sr. Idalina, a generous, open-hearted and kind sister, was very sensitive to the needs of each person. Strong and robust in physique, she carried in her big heart the most fragile and needy sisters of her Province. With common sense, gentleness and great joy, she was always ready to help and support her sisters, resolve problems and find solutions to any unexpected situations that arose.

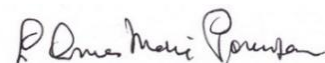
A lover of beauty in all its expressions: Sr. Idalina rejoiced in the harmony of nature, and she herself participated in that harmony by praising the Creator and the Virgin Mary with her exquisite singing voice. She did her best to involve the other sisters as actively as possible in the community's musical and liturgical animations. The poor, the marginalized, the sick and those in greatest need formed the background of Sr. Idalina's encounters with the Lord. In her early years in the Congregation, she had been deeply struck by the words of Fr. Alberione and other Christian thinkers when they invited people to pray while holding the Gospel in one hand and a newspaper in the other. She said that reading about key issues had opened her mind to the needs of the Church and world. In view of this, she kept herself up to date concerning different currents of thought, as well as political and social situations. She also sought to keep her sisters abreast of what was happening in the world at various levels, inviting them to make these situations their own through vital and concrete prayer.

Sr. Idalina entered our Congregation in the Divine Master community, São Paulo, on 31 October 1955, at the age of 15. After a time of initial formation, she made her novitiate in that community, concluding it with her first profession on 30 June 1963. As a young professed, she carried out itinerant diffusion of the Word of God and organized Gospel Days in the large diocese of Rio de Janeiro. After her perpetual profession, made on the Solemnity of St. Paul in 1968, she had the chance to deepen her studies in accounting and business technology in preparation for her future duties in that sector. She carried out administrative responsibilities in the provincial bursar's office of the Divine Master community (São Paulo), while also serving as local superior. She served as a provincial councilor for two consecutive terms, and then as bursar in the community of Cidade Regina (São Paulo) and then in Salvador. Following this period of service, Sr. Idalina had the opportunity to devote herself to the study of sociology, obtaining a diploma in this field in 1994. Afterward, she accepted the office of superior in the "Teresa Merlo" community of São Paulo, after which she was appointed to the same office in Maringá.

For the past two decades, Sr. Idalina was in charge of the administration office at SEPAC (Pastoral Service for Communications), and then assisted our sick sisters in the communities of Cidade Regina, the Alberione Institute and the Divine Master community, São Paulo.

For some time her health had been of serious concern. Last year, she was admitted to the Cidade Regina community as a patient and after undergoing extensive medical examinations it was finally determined that she was suffering from bilateral pulmonary thrombosis. She was admitted to the São Paulo Clinics Hospital, where she underwent two months of very painful medical treatment. This morning our Risen Lord called her to eternal intimacy with himself in the kingdom of heaven. Let us rejoice and exult with Sr. Idalina on this great "day" of celebration, which we know she welcomed wholeheartedly from the hands of her Savior and Spouse.

Affectionately,



Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan

Rome, 2 April 2024