

# *In Memory of Sr. Maria Anna Ribatti, SA*

~ Reflection from our Sisters in Italy ~

**August 15, 1922 - June 24, 2014**

Sr. Maria Anna, named Angela at birth on August 15, 1922 entered into Eternal Life on the Feast of Saint John the Baptist, June 24, 2014, after a rich and full life of 92 years. Over a span of 71 years as a Franciscan Sister of the Atonement, Sr. Maria Anna ministered in our missions in Italy — in the cities of Quadrelli, Assisi and Rome.



Our Sisters from Assisi share the following about Sister's last days: Sr. Maria Anna died peacefully and consciously in the early morning of June 24, 2014 (Feast of St. John the Baptist). The day before her death, Fr. Leck came to administer the Anointing of the Sick. Sister remained conscious and serene until the end. This was a tremendous consolation for those who had been assisting her during her final days. Those who were present to Sister were: Adriana & Nicoletta, the two caregivers, Sr. Maria Albina, Sr. Alessandra and Doctressa Giorgina.



A funeral liturgy was celebrated on the following day – June 25<sup>th</sup>. It was held in the Quadrelli convent chapel at 10:30 in the morning. Father Piero, the pastor in Quadrelli and also a friend to the Sisters, celebrated the funeral Mass. In his homily, he shared the sentiments of so many people whose lives were touched by the Sisters. He noted that their coming to Quadrelli in 1943 – in the midst of the Second World War – made a strong and lasting impression on the people.

Following the morning Mass, refreshments were offered through the kindness of Doctressa Giorgina, the same doctor who followed Sr. Maria Anna until the end of her life, as she had also done for Sr. Mary Grace.



At 12:10 p.m., we, the Atonement family and the Ribatti family, accompanied the hearse to the Flaminio cemetery – at the first gate, or “prima porta” in ROME --- where our community plot is located. There, Sr. Maria Anna's remains lie with those who have preceded her: Sr. Tecla, Sr. Francis Clare, Sr. Placida, Sr. Virginia and Sr. Maria Chiara. May our Sisters rest in peace!