

LUIGINA SINAPI (1916-1978)

Luigina Sinapi was born in Itri (Latina) - Italy - on September 8, 1916. Her family was wealthy and she was the first of five children.

From early childhood Luigina had what are presumed to be visions of Our Lady, Our Lord and the angels. This very much disturbed her mother who took the child to see Padre Pio at *San Giovanni Rotondo* in the 1920s. It was the beginning of an increasingly close connection between Luigina and the Saint from Pietralcina.

In November 1931 Luigina's mother died and Luigina took on the role of mother for her younger siblings.

A few years later doctors discovered that the young girl had a tumor. She seemed close to death and was anointed. But on August 15, 1935, Jesus and Mary appeared and healed her miraculously. Luigina assumed responsibility for all the evil in the world.

All her life long she carried out a normal apostolate. She was engaged in various activities: from 1936 to 1940 she was an employee in an institute for statistics. After that she held different jobs one of which was working as a cashier.

In April 1937 in a cave not far from *Tre Fontane* Basilica in Rome Luigina had a vision of Our Lady who told her that Pius XII would be elected Pope. She also told her that in ten years she would appear again to Bruno Cornacchiola – this came to pass on April 12, 1947.

After the vision Luigina followed Our Lady's instructions and sought a meeting with Cardinal Pacelli's sister. She told the sister about Our Lady's prediction. From that time forward Cardinal Pacelli – later Pope Pius XII – was a friend of Luigina. She often met with the Pope in private audience and there were frequent telephone calls between the Pontiff and the Mystic.

In 1940 Luigina established a charitable work for the most vulnerable at the Sanctuary of the *Madonna della Civita* in Itri.

In 1950 before proclaiming the dogma of the Assumption officially the Pope and Luigina met. She told him that Our Lady had expressed her approval of the dogma in a vision.

Luigina moved to Rome and became a Franciscan Tertiary. In 1954 she became a Servite Tertiary as well. Later she became the secretary of the scholar, Professor Enrico Medi – a position she held for fifteen years. Fra Raffaele M. Preite OSM was her spiritual director.

She died in Rome on April 17, 1978.

On May 22, 2009 the *Vicariato di Roma* (the Rome Diocesan Chancery) concluded the diocesan process only five years after its beginning and the *Positio* was given to the Congregation for the Causes of the Saints to initiate the cause of her beatification.

