



March 24, 2022
35° Anniversary of the death
of Venerable
MOTHER M. SCHOLASTICA RIVATA

In the journey leading us to the celebration of Easter, the Risen Lord, our sole Master, Way, Truth and Life, offers us the gift of renewing the memory of she who was given to us as a sister and mother in the vocation and mission: **Mother M. Scholastica Rivata.**

Let us ask the Holy Spirit to help us interiorize the vital experience of this woman of faith, who was totally integrated in the love of Christ.

As we remember her, we entrust ourselves to her intercession that every Sister Disciple of the Divine Master might be a “woman of Easter morning”, encountered, called by name, by the Risen Jesus and sent by him to bring the proclamation that he is living and walks with us each day until the end of the world.

- * *Some suggested guidelines for litanic prayers using excerpts from the writings of Mother M. Scholastica.*
- * *They may be used during the adoration or as an introduction to the Liturgy of the Hours.*

1.

♪ **Ant.** *Non son più io che vivo, Signore tu vivi in me,
per me morire è un guadagno, la mia vita sei Tu!*

*[It is no longer I who live, Lord, you live in me,
for me death is gain, you are my life!]*

The Divine Master is my guide, light and comfort.
He is my ideal, the model to be imitated,
becoming one with him
until “Christ lives in me”. **Ant.**

Christ, may I live in you, in silence with creatures
and in union and the most intimate, humble and
constant conversation with you that is possible.
May I offer everything to you.
May I always consider you as the doer of all good

and the good that is accomplished through me.
May I be one with you.
“It is no longer I who live, Christ lives in me”. **Ant.**

Lord, grant me the greatest and most sublime love
attainable for a mortal creature
and, to the extent possible, repay the eternal, infinite, divine love
you have for us, through your Son by his love, merits, Blood and Death.
Jesus, make me your image and likeness
that I might be pleasing to the Father. **Ant.**

.2.

♪ Ant: *Il mio bene è stare vicino a Dio, nel Signore io metto il mio rifugio*

[My good is being near God, in the Lord I take refuge]

O Lord, may I always give you thanks for your great benefits
and praise you forever.
May I, ashes and dust, be made one with you
through the union of your Sacrament of Love! **Ant.**

Grant, O Lord, that placing all earthly things under my feet,
now and forever, I may focus entirely on you alone,
the only one worthy of every love. Lord, I trust in you.
My misery makes itself felt ever more,
but you are my strength and my victory. **Ant.**

May I remain silent, conform myself, adhere..., O Lord!
You know the struggles of today, I do not want to offend you,
but there is so much imperfection!
Despite this, you know my desires
and you will have mercy on your poor, miserable servant.
I trust in you. **Ant.**

.3.

**♪ Ant: *Ti seguiremo, Maestro buono, tu sei la Via, la Vita e la Verità,
Tu solo hai parole di Vita eterna.***

***[We will follow you, good Master, you are the Way, the Life and the Truth.
You alone have the words of eternal life.]***

Lord, you know everything. You are Love
and whatever you do or permit is all love.
I adore your will and offer everything to you out of love.

Lead us! You are the Master!
I adore and believe in your Wisdom and Power. **Ant.**

Jesus Master, you are my life,
my divine Wisdom, my only Love.
May I live in you and in silence with creatures;
united and humble, in the most constant conversation with you that is possible,
offering everything to you, adoring your Most Holy Will
and accepting whatever you offer to me. **Ant.**

Jesus, grant me detachment from creatures and things,
with your help to attain a heroic love,
by despising myself, by the serene acceptance
of all that goes against my nature,
such as humiliations, mortifications, misunderstandings, contradictions,
in silence and to offer everything to you with love and gratitude.
Make me your true co-redeeming bride. **Ant.**

First Evening Prayer SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

Introduction

We enter the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord,
by remembering the evening of March 24, 1987,
with the words of Mother M. Thecla Molino, the Superior General at that time:
*«At the beginning of this liturgical feast, particularly significant
for all the Sister Disciples, the Divine Master came to call
Mother M. Scholastica Rivata to the heavenly community.
She was the first of the eight Sister Disciples set apart by the Founder
to give life to our Religious Family.
The entire Congregation owes her a great debt of gratitude.
The affection with which we accompanied her in her long journey of suffering and silent
consummation will continue to keep us in communion with her. We express this by invoking
her intercession and finding in her the model of a mother and a sister who lived fully the
charism drawn directly from the heart of the Founder. ...»*

In thanksgiving to the Most Blessed Trinity for the gift of the life of
Venerable Mother Scholastica, we entrust to her intercession our upcoming General Chapter
and the Celebration of the Centennial of Foundation.

In 1976, while Mother Scholastica was still living, Mother M. Lucia Ricci said:
*“Whoever recommends themselves to the prayer of Mother M. Scholastica can be confident
that they will obtain whatever is most pleasing to God, because she is a person very dear to
God”.*

Today let us also receive the heartfelt invitation that Mother Scholastica made to the sisters,
asking for prayers and offerings for peace at the time of the Second World War:

«In these difficult and troubled times, let us offer everything to the Lord out of love and trust in his infinite mercy... We trust in God that he may always keep us far from danger and that he may grant us peace soon!».