

EULOGY FOR SR. RAYMOND PUCCIO

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“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love.” These were Jesus’ words to his apostles, words of farewell. These words of Jesus give us a glimpse of what Sr. Raymond’s life has been like. Jesus loved her so much that he chose her to live in close relationship with him, as a religious Sister in this particular community. Sr. Raymond in her turn has remained in Jesus’ love. She has lived a life of total dedication to God and her neighbor. She has been faithful! Someone once said that it isn’t so much that we become successful in this life that is really important but that we are faithful.

We live everyday with a purpose, God, and this makes all the difference. No matter what our task is, and even if we don’t have a particular task, we live in love, we are kind and show it by truly loving others. Sr. Raymond has made a difference to those of us who have known her. I, for example, came to know this community and embrace a religious vocation because of the example that she and the Sisters at our Lady of the Rosary, of Pompeii Parish gave me. It was there that I came to see and know what being a Sister would be like. I was deeply touched by the life of total dedication that Sr. Raymond and the Sisters there lived. I joined the Sodality of our Lady there and I saw first hand the love and concern that these Sisters had for us youngsters.

It was there that I fell in love with this community. Sr. Raymond took me shopping for my things, and when I became a novice, she and Mother Umile helped me to dress in the Baptistine habit. Sr. Raymond was always close to Jesus and she died in that close relationship. Her death was an inspiration to everyone here.

Dear sister, you spent your life in service of the Lord. It was your joy and pride to keep the house of the Lord in the most beautiful care, and so we send our love to you this day, as you enter Heaven’s gate. We pray that you will intercede for all of us before the throne of God, most dear, most faithful daughter and to us most dear Sister. Rest in him! Amen.

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