

Venerable Mother Speranza of Jesus

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PARADISE

In the life of Venerable Mother Speranza of Jesus there are some episodes that reveal her zeal for the salvation of souls and how she managed to free them and get them into Paradise. Mother Sagrario Echevarria tells of a fact that happened in the house of Colloto that was occupied by red militants that had killed various people during the civil war: "At eleven at night we were retiring to our rooms. The Mother Superior slept in the room next to the entrance and I slept in an old small room. After only a half hour Mother Superior called me: "Sagrario, are you there?" I replied: "Yes, Mother". She started to ask me: "What is going to happen?" Then I added: "If you feel something do not be afraid". She took a small electric heater from her room and she gave it to me saying: "I am giving it to you, so nothing will happen". At midnight in Mother Superior's room strange screams were heard and it sounded like people were talking. I waited a little bit, but I just had to go in. When I entered the room I found Mother Superior suffering terribly and she was holding the crucifix tightly and crying and saying: "Merciful Love is the Father, have faith!" From time to time

cavernous voices could be heard as if for them there was no merciful love. In this anguish Mother Superior offered Masses and sacrifices and was in this state for two hours...

"I have seen the Servant of God suffer many times but she was the only one speaking. It was terrible to hear those far away voices and see no one. Then Mother Superior told me that during the war the house of Colloto was used to shoot people and those were the voices of the accomplices of assassins".

Father Alfred Di Penta tells of another episode. He was accompanying Mother Superior to the Mother House. During the trip they stopped at a Polish cemetery. The tombs of so many young men fallen during the war made a big impression on her and she asked the Lord to take at least the last two or three rows of them to Paradise. The next day, during Mass, she begged the Lord: "You did not die as a joke, who loves these souls more, You or I? I gave Masses, I cannot say too many more, and I do not have money as You know. You died on the Cross! So take these poor young men who died far from their family and far from their homeland; take the mother of these two



sisters to Paradise because I have to warn them that their mother is dead and I cannot confront them unless I can tell them that she is already in Paradise. Take the mother of this boy that is an abandoned soul. Mother Speranza waited for the priest to raise the Host and Chalice. Then she was out of it; her eyes fixated on a faraway point... At the end of Holy Mass I asked Mother Superior what happened given that she was still ice cold. She told me that she went to purgatory to see the passage of these souls into Paradise".

