

THE LEGACY OF JULIANA A. NORONHA



Born: March 1, 1964

Died: August 20, 2018 at 54 years of age, wife of Collin Noronha, mother of Tania Largo-Afonso, and Clyde Noronha, mother-in-law of Keanan Largo-Afonso, grandmother of Madison Largo-Afonso, daughter of Gertrude Saldana and the late Maxim Saldanha of Mahim, Mumbai, daughter in-law of Celestine Noronha and the late Joachim Noronha of Secunderabad.

Member of Rosary Apostolate since:
January 14, 2002

Positions held:
Apostolic Director,
Regional Director,
Rosary Visitor,
Fundraising Committee.

Her Legacy:

Juliana was a true Apostle of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, with great zeal and love for God and the Blessed Mother that she was instrumental in starting up Seven Regions in the Rosary Apostolate! Quite extraordinary! She began as a Regional Director of Mississauga 3 Region in 2001.

She strove to live her consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary following the Montfort way. Like the little children of Fatima, from the time she was diagnosed with cancer, she offered up her suffering for the conversion of sinners and salvation of all souls. When she told me she was diagnosed with cancer a second time, my heart dropped. She said, *"I knew it would return, but I did not expect it to return so soon."* I asked her if she would like me to bring to her the statue that I picked up in Fatima. She replied, *"Oh yes sister, please bring it to me."* So we set a date to pray the rosary with her family for her healing and graces she needed at this time in her life. When I arrived to her home, I found her basement filled with so many friends and members of the Rosary Apostolate, there must of been at least 50 people praying with me for Juliana's healing. That day, I felt that when the Lord calls her, it would be on an anniversary of an apparition of Our Lady of Fatima.

Juliana returned to the House of the Father around 12:30 - 1:00 p.m. on August 20, 2018. It occurred to me the the day before, August 19 was the fourth apparition of Our Lady of the Fatima at Valinhos. Our Lady let her enjoy the day of this anniversary, and escorted her to her home in heaven on the next day.

What did Our Lady say to the children of Fatima on August 19, 1917?

"Pray, pray very much, and make sacrifices for sinners; for many souls go to hell, because there are none to

sacrifice themselves and to pray for them."

(From the IV Memoir of Sister Lucia).

This so perfectly describes the way in which Juliana embraced her cross (cancer)... for she told me that she intended to offer her suffering up for the conversion of all sinners, terrorists, for persecuted christians; her litany of intentions was so long, I can not remember it all. Her generosity to suffer for the salvation of souls, is what struck me. The same generosity and zeal with which she made herself available for so many years to train people and to set-up Regions for the Rosary Apostolate in the schools program. Working diligently for the salvation of the greatest possible number of souls lay a true missionary. Always ready to help people become the best possible presenters that they can be. I recall her telling people, **"You have to really, really love Mother Mary to do this type of ministry. If you love Mother Mary, she will take**



care of everything else."
Sr. Marilina Cinelli, C.P.
Spiritual Director

**Some words from the
homily given by
Fr. Abraham
at her Funeral Mass:**

He told us that when Juliana was diagnosed with cancer the first time, everyone was devastated by the news, but she managed to go into the Chapel to pray. She did not ask the Lord, "Why me?" As so many would do, instead she asked the Lord, "Why now?" "I am preparing for my daughter's wedding?" The Lord answered her, "Why not now?"

Then her cancer returned in January of this year, her daughter was giving birth to her first child. At the time of her death, her granddaughter was already four months old. What joy she gave to Juliana in her last days.

Juliana's faith was a simple faith. Her devotion to Mary was such that she gave everything for the Rosary Apostolate and all God's children. We will remember her for her love, faith and devotion.

We Remember her:

"Juliana was definitely an inspiration to me. I was impressed that she gave up her career as a Dietician to dedicate her life to bringing people to the Rosary Apostolate and the Rosary to the children. She was a good listener and always encouraging to everyone. She taught me to fight against the obstacles that prevented me from putting my heart into this mission.

She always said 'What would Mary do?' Whenever I was presented with a challenge. She was the most patient person I've ever met.

She helped me find the strength and courage to persevere through the storms."

**Joanne Prince
Mississauga 3 & 9 Region**

"Juliana was a kind and gentle person. The Rosary Apostolate was very dear to her heart. Although she was faced with many obstacles, she still carried on even when she was diagnosed with cancer.

If faced with a problem, she would find the solutions to it. She was also very encouraging

and as her assistant, I learnt a lot from her. She made sure Mississauga 3 was taken care of before she passed away. I am sure we all will miss her a lot."

**Shirley Braganza
Mississauga 3 Region**

"I remember meeting Juliana when I first started the Rosary Apostolate about 5 years ago. I was so nervous of public speaking at the time. She seemed to have such a calming effect on me that with her training and guidance I seemed to overcome that fear.

She was so busy but always had time to hear prayer intentions. I spoke to her about my nephew Thomas who is autistic and asked her to pray for him. When she said that I knew that she meant it from her heart because she always asked about Thomas no matter how busy she was. I will never forget her.

She was one of the kindest, gentlest people I know. I will miss her dearly and will continue to pray for her in heaven and her family on earth.

**Emilia Stradiotto
Mississauga 3 Region**

A highlight in Juliana's ministry was what she described as the miracle she witnessed in the Jubilee Year of the Eucharist, OCTOBER 2004 – OCTOBER 2005 during a May Celebration at St. Faustina C.E.S.

She shared many pictures of the rays of light issuing from the Blessed Sacrament during Adoration with students in the school gym.





Since I joined the ministry I became close to her. She's a sweet prayerful person, enjoyed apostolating, praying to people with love, compassion, helping, giving hands to those who are in need without any return.

You never heard her complaining. Always happy and full of smiles. I remember having a problem and she stayed at the Blessed Sacrament to pray with me; our prayers were answered. Julie will always have a spot in my heart. She inspired me a lot to have faith and hope, say the rosary daily, and most importantly hang on to Mother Mary always.

Arlene Santos
Mississauga 3 Region

Juliana, was very dedicated to the Rosary Apostolate. She always wanted to reach out to more Schools so that Students would have the gift of the Rosary.

I remember when a School turned us down for the upcoming year and I was so disappointed, I felt it was my fault, but she reassured me and made me feel so much better. She was always there to encourage us and remind us that Mary was the one

in control. She spent many hours e-mailing all Regions for assistance or help. She was instrumental in starting this pattern of reaching out to other Regions, mainly because many of us in other Regions started out under her guidance in Mississauga 3.

She had a way with Children and youth, where they loved her child-like ways and her trust in their goodness. She had a great sense of humour as well.

Juliana, was a willing instrument of the Blessed Mother. Mary's love, beauty and kindness, came through Juliana to all of us and the Students.

May you rest in Peace Juliana.

Margaret Tomei
Mississauga 1 Region

P.S. Thanks very much Sister, for coming and making her funeral one to remember. Even in death her intent must have been to evangelize, with those particular readings and hymns.

My name is **Margaret Silvery** a member of the Rosary Apostolate, my calling was from our beloved Juliana who inspired me to join. My "yes" gave her joy. When faced with obstacles I

mentioned to her, she would say, "Don't worry Mother Mary will take care," and right enough my prayer was answered. Juliana was a very caring person took care of all my needs especially re: my rides even though busy with meetings etc. she had great faith and trust in Our Blessed Mother, for sure she will intercede for all our Rosary members May Her Soul rest in peace.

I had the great honour and pleasure of meeting Juliana about 8 or 9 years ago. You couldn't help but feel the love and devotion to the Holy Mother and her Rosary when in her presence. She was the gentlest woman who cared so much about each of the rosary visitors in her region. She opened so many other regions to serve the littlest of Mary's children. She must be smiling down upon us and reminding us to continue our good work in the schools. She must be cradled in the arms of Mary and her Son, Jesus, as they tell her "Rest now, Juliana. You did well. You are home." With sorrow and affection for a great lady,

Nancy Pevcevicius
Mississauga 5 Region

About 10 years ago Julie asked me if I was interested in starting the Rosary Apostolate in our region. As I was working at that time I did not give it much thought. Then two years ago when I went to her daughter's wedding I was shocked to hear of her cancer. I decided the best thing I could do for her would be to start the Rosary Apostolate. This made her very happy. The seed Julie sowed in me finally took root and we have 10 dedicated ladies praying the rosary in two schools. May we all be devoted disciples of Jesus and our Blessed Mother like Juliana was.

Suzie Miranda
Mississauga 11 Region

I remember Juliana from way back during the St. Josephat days of the Rosary Apostolate. As I used to do the filing for all regions then, she would show up to submit the required files for her region, always with a sweet smile and a little chat with me. I can still hear the sound of her voice clear and high pitch – she always sounded happy. She looked as beautiful then as when I saw her last in her house when I went with Sr. Marilina bringing the statue to pray the Rosary for her intentions together with her

family, friends and Rosary Apostolate volunteers. To me Juliana was a kind and gentle soul – devoted to Mother Mary and truly a child of God. With her passing, I am conflicted – sad and at the same time happy that we have a friend up there.

Camila Nowakowski
Rosary Apostolate Board

Julie, as all her friends and family called her, was a true friend and in very many ways, like a "sister" to me. I first met her when I joined the rosary apostolate, Mississauga 3 region twelve years ago. Together with Julie, we opened up a new region - Mississauga 6 region which Julie and the other Regional directors from Mississauga 3 region, provided support. Since I was a new recruit, Julie worked tirelessly to ensure that I understood all that I needed to know about the Rosary Apostolate and how to be a Regional director; whether it was recruiting at the church, meeting with school principals, organizing meetings, taking me with her to Sister's meetings, collecting and distributing supplies -everything and in every way imaginable, Julie was there with me and for me, to lend a helping hand.

Juliana was indeed my guardian angel here on earth. We developed a great friendship over these 12 years and even though Julie was subsequently busy opening up new regions, she never forgot me - every now and then she would attend Mass at St. Joseph's church so that we could meet after Mass to discuss how our region was doing. Her patience, kindness, generosity in not only giving me sacramental gifts which she had brought from India, but the generosity in giving of herself for the service of others is what made her outstanding as a friend.

She was a true disciple of the rosary apostolate and her love of Jesus and Mary is what fuelled that drive. I will miss her dearly but I know, without a doubt that she will carry that love and zeal for evangelization with her in heaven. We have lost a friend here on earth but we have gained one in heaven.

Rest in peace, my dear Julie!.....
I love you!

With grateful thanks and appreciation,

Margaret Stanley
Mississauga 6 Region



Juliana was a friend who cared, who listened and who heard you.... After her diagnosis and treatment we would often sit side by side at daily mass and knowing I had some discomfort and pain for a while she asked how I was? I quickly described my symptoms and frustration at doctors and tests finding nothing. Juliana took my hand and in her reassuring voice insisted I go back to the doctor and keep digging since my symptoms were similar to hers at the beginning.

I did just that and asked my doctor for a cancer benchmark test at which she balked and said I didn't have cancer and why since the test was not covered and I would be out of pocket 80\$ etc. Well the numbers were there - 117 when they should have been under five!

Things happened very quickly after that being diagnosed with stage 4 colon cancer. Juliana brought me her head coverings, little toiletries and shea butter for when my skin will dry etc. She later brought me some lovely soups and flowers from her garden beautifully arranged and tied with a bow. She was ill but thought of me and often texted me encouraging words!

The last time I spoke with her was at CVH where both of us were receiving treatment. She was excited to start on the same drug I was on Avastin since I was doing well although it was still palliative chemotherapy.... My friend Juliana didn't respond as well and took a turn for the worse very quickly. The Lord and Our Lady needed her.... May perpetual light shine upon Juliana.....

I thank her for her friendship, for getting me involved in the

Rosary Apostolate as school leader at SRL which I totally enjoyed and making me part of a large loving family. Praying for her always...

Pax et Bonum
Christine Polic

Juliana interviewed and mentored me in my formative Rosary Apostolate years and inspired me to reach out to students in Oakville schools.

Having known I am a dietitian by profession, she was very interested in pursuing her dietitian career in Canada. However, her 'calling' was so strong she opted to continue as an apostle to the Immaculate Heart of Mary ... and the rest is history. Juliana **HOPs!** She exudes Mary's virtues of **H**umility, **O**bedience and **P**atience. Juliana, you were an excellent role model to me! We will miss you!

Rory Agellon
Oakville 2 Region

I could not have served our Mother Mary in this apostolic duty as Rosary School Leader for the past two years if not for the inspiration and training by Juliana. From the start of my interview, I saw how dedicated Juliana was to our Lady. She is easy to talk to, very welcoming and warm. She is always ready and willing to help in solving whatever problems I encountered while I was getting trained as a new Rosary visitor.

While she was sick, on vacation after her daughter's wedding, I called her (not knowing she was out of town and spending time with her daughter's new house), I mentioned to her about some concerns regarding the forthcoming school visit staffing. She called me back and spent time on the phone resolving my

problem. Promised to look into it when she gets back. And she did as she promised. She is like an angel to me the way she inspired and guided me to become a good Rosary visitor and be closer to Mother Mary.

I miss her but I think she is still with us working her way and our Mother's wish into us. Rest in peace, Juliana! Till we see you again.

Mila Cesario
Mississauga 3

Juliana was not only my mentor/teacher when it came to performing my duties for the first time as a School Leader.

She had so much confidence in my abilities and her encouragement by telling me that Mother Mary is always there to help us and to completely trust in Her intercession. Juliana always ended our conversations with so much love and praise to Mother Mary, that I've been thanking Mother Mary for sending Juliana into my life. When I was with Juliana, I always felt that Mother Mary was not far away. Juliana's loving and caring for her Rosary Apostolates were very commendable. She will be sorely missed!

May she rest in peace! Amen.

Victoria (Vicky) Soto
Mississauga 3



I first met Juliana in the foyer of Merciful Redeemer in 2010. It was after the 11:30 mass and she introduced herself to me and explained

that she was recruiting people for the Rosary Apostolates. Not knowing about the organisation I was given the literature which caught my attention as I had just retired from teaching and would love to do something involving children. Juliana called me a few days later, sensing my hesitation.

She encouraged me to simply come to the meeting before I decide. That began a beautiful friendship. She was very encouraging and full of praise for my handling of the children. She would ask me to do skits at our meetings to demonstrate how the RA visitors should conduct themselves in the schools. She would drive me home after meetings and when I took time off to care for my sick husband she called to ask how he was and offer prayers for his recovery. After his recovery her email to me was "Please come back. We miss your sense of humour,"

About 3 years ago my husband was involved in a serious accident. She was very supportive and I will never forget her words, "I raised you both up to the chalice at Consecration" Juliana is a saint to me. There was a court case and Juliana came to the courthouse bringing my dear friends from the RA. to show support.

This past year my husband was seriously ill and in hospital for over 2 weeks after which he needed care when he was home. I had to take time off again. Juliana was very ill but we spoke often and she called to ask about my husband's health. I

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was told by Arlene Santos of the RA, that Juliana, when in the hospice expressed a wish for me to return to the organisation. I am 76 years of age and was considering retiring but have decided to return.

Ludmila Abreu
Mississauga region 3



Juliana was the first member to wear the Rosary Apostolate scarf in burial.