

**INTERNATIONAL AWARD
S. RITA FROM CASCIA**

XVIth EDITION

**WOMEN WHO RECEIVED
THE INTERNATIONAL AWARD
SAINT RITA FROM CASCIA
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The International Award Saint Rita from Cascia was created in 1988 by Cascia City Hall (Pg) to focus on the fact that even nowadays there are people who believe in values such as forgiveness, peace, solidarity, devotion, faith, love embodied by the humble woman from Roccaporena of Cascia.

MAY 22th 1988 – TWINNING TOWN - ASSISI (PG).

NIJOLÉ SADUNAITÉ from Vilnius (Lituania)

Defence of freedom and human rights under the Communism.

ASSUNTA CAPRONI from Tuoro sul Trasimeno (Pg)

An example of wife and mother.

FRANCESCA SODDU from Nuoro (Sardegna)

Forgiveness towards her son's Franco murders.

TERESA SUOR FASCE (+ 1947) from Torriglia (Ge)

Diffusion of Saint Rita's devotion.

MICHELA MAGDA PERRONE from Washington (USA)

Help to handicapped people.

The Awards were given by **Mons. Antonio Ambrosanio, arcivescovo di Spoleto-Norcia.**

MAY 22nd 1989 – TWINNING TOWN-OSTUNI (BR).

VINCENZA MARINO from Marsala (Sicilia)

An example of wife and mother.

JOCELYN KHOUEIRY from Beirut (Libanon)

Ex guerrilla, serving now peace.

ANGELA POLUZZI from Bologna

Adoption of abandoned children.

GIUSEPPINA SUOR BIVIGLIA from Assisi (Pg)

Helper of Jewish during the II world War.

GINA VECCHINI from Cascia (Pg) widow.

The Awards were given by **Cardinal Ugo Poletti.**

MAY 22nd 1990 – TWINNING TOWN - ALBEROBELLO (BA).

MARIANNA POPIELUSZKO from Suchowola (Polland)

Forgiveness her son father Jerzy Popieluszko's murderers.

MARIA IMMACOLATA SUOR MACK from Munich (Germany)

Helped the priests in Dachau.

GIOVANNA BISULLI from Rimini (Fo)

Welcome children of the Third World.

ROSA RUSSO JERVOLINO from Roma

Political commitment for disadvantaged people.
JOSEPHINA AZZOLINI from San Paolo (Brazil)

Work with AIDS patients

The Awards were given by **Cardinal Edoardo Pironio**.

MAY 22nd 1991 – TWINNING TOWN - BERGAMO.

ADRIANA BRICCOLI from Bergamo

Help immigrant workers.

MARIA GRAZIA MATTEI from Gubbio (Pg)

Generosity in domestic church.

TIZIANA MARIANI from S. Albano (Cn)

Mother and welcome sick children.

MIRIAM SUOR DUGGAN from Ireland

Gynaecologist in Uganda.

ANTONIA GIOFFRÉ from Castrovillari (Calabria)

Forgiveness to her son Edoardo's kidnappers and murderers.

The Awards were given by **Cardinal Achille Silvestrini**.

MAY 22nd 1992 – TWINNING TOWN - FERRARA.

LETIZIA ZERBINI from Ferrara

Complete devotion to his disabled son

GEMMA CAPRA CALABRESI from Milan

Forgiveness to his husband's murders (Police Inspector Calabresi).

GEMMA SUOR PUNK from Erdliget (Ungary)

Faith to her religious vocation

GIULIA POLVERISI from Rome

Volunteer to the terminal ill.

GIULIA SCARDENZAN DRAGO from Padua

Help to teenagers-mothers

The Awards were given by **Cardinal Fiorenzo Angelini**.

MAY 22nd 1993 – TWINNING TOWN - BARI.

PELLEGRINA SUOR KALMETI from Milot (Albany)

Strong Catholic Faith during the persecution

ROSARIA COSTA SCHIFANI from Palermo

Forgiveness to her husband Tito's murders

GENEVIEVE POULLOT from Vincennes (France)

Promise towards her family and life

The Awards were given by **Cardinal Joseph Tomko**.

MAY 22nd 1994 – TWINNING TOWN- CATANIA.

CATHERINA HO from Wang Xiaoling (China)

As a witness of faith in the communist concentration camps

EMMA MARIA CUCCHI from Olgiate Olona (Mi)

As a doctor-volunteer in many countries

EVA CANNAS from Mamoiada (Nu)

Forgiveness of her brother's murders and her social engagement for the Peace

The Awards were given by **Mons. Antonio Ambrosanio Archbishop of Spoleto-Norcia**.

MAY 22nd 1995 – TWINNING TOWN - ANDRIA.

DOLORES ALONSO from Leon (Spain)

Forgiveness of the integralist Islamics who killed her daughter Ester.

PIA MARIA VINCENTI GUZZI from Milan

For her strong defence of human rights in the East Countries

CAROLINA SUOR SANTOS FERNANDEZ from Leon (Spain)

For her dialogue among cultures in Algeria.

The Awards were given by **Mons. Riccardo Fontana Archbishop of Spoleto-Norcia.**

MAY 22nd 1996 – TWINNING TOWN- NAPOLI.

AGNESE PIRAINO LETO BORSELLINO from Misilmeri (Pa)

For the work of reconciliation and peace after the killing of her husband, the Judge Paolo Borsellino.

RITA PELLECCIA from Pontecorvo (Fr)

For the importance given to the family and to the spiritual maternity, towards young and people in difficulty

FRANCESCA ZUCCARI from Rome

For her engagement in the Pope's Diocese to help immigrants and disadvantaged people.

The Awards were given by **Cardinal Angelo Sodano.**

MAY 22nd 1997 – TWINNING TOWN- LECCE.

SUSANNA TAMARO from Trieste

She has spread in the whole world the culture of love and forgiveness through her work

MOTHER MARIA BUTENGASI from Ruygi (Burundi)

She has found in Christ and in the Crucifix her strength to hug the killers of her family

FILIPPA SPATOLA VED. INZIRILLO born in Palermo

She has found her strength to forgive the killers and for having called the world of death of the Mafia to the culture of forgiveness and peace

SILVANA MAZZOTTA from Lecce

She was able to find in her faith the reasons to struggle violence and death and made a new birth

The Awards were given by **Mons. Cosmo Francesco Ruffini Archbishop from Lecce.**

MAY 22nd 1998 – TWINNING TOWN - CONVERSANO.

ADA BURRONE from Val Curone (Al)

For having transformed her Cross into a happy life and resurrection for many mothers and wives who have discovered the real meaning of life and death

MOTHER MARIA FABRIZIA BUFO from Melfi

For being an authentic soul of mission by becoming the mother for many children without a family or a future. We discover thanks to the hidden but useful work of many missionaries who are always ready to sacrifice their lives to help children.

RITA D'AMORE from Conversano

For having chosen life in a difficult but brave motherhood with the same faith as the Christian mothers.

The Awards were given by **Cardinal Pio Laghi.**

MAY 22nd 1999 – TWINNING TOWN - MONACHIL DI GRANADA.

MANUEL RODRIGUEZ LOPEZ from Monachil (Granada, Spagna)

For having forgiven her husband's killers Salvador Martin.

ELENI DZOKA from Poland

For the forgiveness of her daughter's murder Afrodita and her witness of faith by singing the strength of love.

CATERINA MUNTONI from Fonni (Nuoro)

For the forgiveness of her brother's killers Father Graziano in a society that finds hard to welcome and identify "the forgiveness".

The Awards were given by **Mons. Josè Saraiva Martins, Prefetto of the "Congregazione dei Santi"**

MAY 22nd 2000 – TWINNING TOWN - BEIRUT.

ELENA RIVAZZANO CANALE from the Province of Pavia.

For her role as a mother, like Rita, she was able to welcome the disadvantaged people by giving them their dignity

MARIAM ESTEPHAN TALATINIAN from Debel (Bent Jbeil, Libano).

Like Rita, she believed in Motherhood and in the strength of love.

CRISTINA GIOVANNELLI from Roncone di Trento.

For having chosen love of Crucifix Christ in the poor and needy without a future or a hope. For having spread hope and faith in life.

The Awards were given by **his Holiness Nerses Pietro, Catholic Armenian Patriarch.**

MAY 22nd 2001 – TWINNING TOWN - SAN PAOLO.

MARIJE MUZHANI from Scutari.

For having lived like Rita the values of Faith in Christ and in wedding, sharing with her husband a period of persecution and internment and showing her incorruptible faith of love

alori irrinunciabili della fede a Cristo e della fedeltà coniugale, condividendo con il marito internamento e persecuzione e aver creduto alla forza indistruttibile e vitale dell'amore.

ADA PRECI DI NOMADELFIA from Roncone di Trento.

For having lived like Rita the value of Consacration: she believed like Rita in Justice, Peace, solidarity, family, childhood, the poor

MARGARIDA MARIA SELLOS DE BRITO from Rio de Janeiro.

She lived like Rita the ideals of Peace, Social Justice, freedom, spreading love, forgiveness and Hope.

The Awards were given by **S.E. Rev.mo Claudio Hummes Cardinal Archbishop of San Paolo.**

MAY 22nd 2002 – TWINNING TOWN - MADRID.

MARIA TERESA SEGURA DE FERNS from Madrid

She defended strongly all women and life rights by being witness of the values such as peace and reconciliation.

CHIARA LUBICH from Trento.

For her radicalism showed following Christ and sharing with him His original project to recompose in unity the human family winning each division and showing the value of the diversity lived in truth and love.

SPERANZA PANFOLI from Deruta.

For being mother, friend and sister of those ones who needed to find love and respect, trust and hope.

The Awards were given by **S.E. il Cardinal Antonio Maria Ruoco Varela, Archbishop of Madrid.**

MAY 22nd 2003 – TWINNING TOWN - ERMESINDE - PORTUGAL.

MARIA ABIGAÍL COSTA AMORIN GUIMARÃES from Porto (Portugal).

For her tireless faith and work in daily life as a mother, woman, and wife, and for having lived like Rita even as a widow guided by her strength and creativity of the spirit to spread in everyone hope and life.

ZAIRA SPREAFICO from Lecco.

For having dedicated her life using love, wisdom to the others especially the marginalized guided by Christ to help those who suffered.

MARIA NEGRETTO from Ravenna.

For her deep faith that helped to give her life to love, helping those who suffered especially African people

The Awards were given by **P. Giovanni Scanavino, Provincial Prior, osa.**

MAY 22nd 2004 – TWINNING TOWN- PHILADELPHIA

MOTHER AGNESE DONOVAN, s.v., Ph.D. from Philadelphia

For her tireless work to defend the sacredness of human life. Recognizing Christ's face in every human being, together with her Community in a ferment of love, hope and peace.

MOTHER ELVIRA PETROZZI

For her welcome to young people' cries and having dedicated her whole life as a woman and a nun to walk with them, transforming their lost lives into joyful dawns of Resurrection.

MARGHERITA CARUSO VEDOVA COLETTA from Sicily

For having transformed sorrow into hope, death into life, hate into forgiveness. For having lived each event of her life believing that "It's too easy to love who loves us, everyone can do it. The difficult thing is to love who give us sorrow"

SARA ABUKHAIRAN, ROBI DAMELIN from Palestina and Israel

"For having shown that the commitment to a plan of peace between Israelis and Palestinians is not some idealistic goal, but rather a path taken by brothers and sisters, achieved in dialogue and in the desire for reconciliation."