

BRIEF HISTORICAL INFO ABOUT PONTE DELLA MUDA

- Parish of Saint Valentine
- Piedmont Group
- Diocese of Vittorio Veneto (TV)
- Hamlet of Cordignano (TV) - Italy

The oldest documents that mention “Ponte” date 1220, April 12th and May 9th .

The following annotation is written in the History of the Marca Trevigiana by Verci:

"At that time Ponte della Muda belonged to the county of Ceneda, governed from 1220 to 1242 by the bishop Alberto from the Da Camino lord family."

The name of Ponte della Muda originates from the presence of a bridge (in Italian: Ponte) on the Meschio river (put down some decades ago and built again a bit forward on the road to Fratta town, due to the deviation of the riverbed) and from the presence of a historical building with arcades, where long ago the post-men and the duty-customers used to change (Muda) their horses. We can, however, hypothesise that Ponte della Muda, as place of transit and rest, existed before 1000 d.C.

The community of Ponte became a parish thanks to the 14.02.1960 bishop decree. Officially it started as the parish Don Primo Brunoro arrived in town in 13 ottobre 1963.

At first the religious ceremonies took place in the little San Valentino's church, built in the 17th century. Since July 1968 they are celebrated in the new church projected by the architect Giovanni Dal Bo from Vittorio Veneto.

The holy building was blessed by Mons. Albino Luciani in 30 June 1968 and consecrated only two months later in 10 November. Inside the church there's a memorial tablet with this inscription:

"Hanc paroec. Ecclesiam - Albinus Luciani - Vict. Ven. Episcopus - Pont. Max - Ioanes Paulus I - Dein Creatus - Die X-XI-MCMLXVIII - consecravit et dedicavit."

[This parish church Albino Luciani bishop of Vittorio Veneto, afterwards become Pope Giovanni Paolo I, in 10 November 1968 consecrated and dedicated.]

At the beginning the parish counted 1003 inhabitants (495 men and 508 women). In the following decades the population has decreased by nearly 100 people, due both to the crisis of some local firms, and to the missed attribution of residential areas to our hamlet.

The new regulator plan, however, has allowed the building of many residential structures (houses and flats) which attracted new families in Ponte della Muda.

Actually there are about 1200 inhabitants with over 400 families.

Info taken from the booklet published for the 25th anniversary of the church consecration.

More historical information can be found in the interesting historical inquiry by Mons. Rino Bechevolo published in the booklet in June 1988, in occasion of the 25th ann. of the parish foundation.

