



Dearest sisters,

At 3:30 p.m. (local time), in the Giacomo Alberione community of Albano, the Divine Master called our sister to enjoy his Face forever in the joy of his Kingdom:

**CORRÀ ELISABETH Sr. MARY LORENZA**  
**born in Breganze (Vicenza) on February 12, 1934**

Sr. M. Lorenza was a Pauline missionary with a heart open to the world. She was always attentive and caring, and became, like the Apostle Paul, all things to all people so that the Gospel could *run* and bring consolation, peace, and hope to others. She entered the congregation in Alba on September 8, 1956, paving the way for her younger sister, Sr. M. Federica, to follow her vocational path. After Sr. M. Lorenza completed her initial formation, she made her novitiate in Rome and first profession on June 30, 1960. She then gave herself with love and a spirit of sacrifice to more than ten years of itinerant apostolate, spreading the Gospel in families, schools, and religious communities in Alba, Arezzo, Rimini, and Pordenone. She felt deeply called to be a propagandist for God. From the community in Arezzo, she wrote to the provincial superior, "If it were possible, and for as long as the Lord allows, I would like to be a propagandist. It makes no difference which house... so long as there is propaganda."

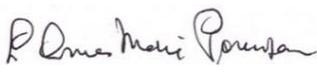
In 1972, an invitation from the superior general profoundly changed the course of Sr. M. Lorenza's life. She was sent to Pakistan to strengthen the community in Karachi where the Pauline presence had begun just seven years earlier. With deep faith, she lived her "yes" and gave herself wholeheartedly to the study of English and the local language, Urdu, so she could fully immerse herself in a Muslim culture shaped by centuries of history and tradition. From the very beginning, the Pakistani people entered her heart. Sr. M. Lorenza loved them and did all she could to alleviate the poverty and hardship she encountered. Over the course of 30 years, which she spent alternately in the communities of Karachi and Lahore, she gave of herself tirelessly, especially through itinerant outreach, but also in the book center, kitchen, and in maintaining the house. She accomplished all of this despite her fragile health which required heart surgery in Italy in 1982. Although her doctor advised rest, she confided in a letter, "When I am in the house I see the work and do it. This is one of my many faults." Sr. M. Lorenza was indeed like that: generous without limits, eager to give herself completely, always striving to make her offering more pleasing to the Lord. She kept nothing for herself. Everything was for the mission, for the sisters, and especially for the young women who entered the community and their families. During an extended stay in Italy, she wrote, "Pakistan is inside me. If it is God's will, I am ready to return there even on foot!" She had a special love for the young women of Pakistan and was determined to pass on the torch of the Pauline charism to them. She encouraged them to live with simplicity and to place their trust in the Lord.

Sr. M. Lorenza was a member of the Via del Mascherino-Rome community, where she lived from 2002 to 2024. She won the hearts of the sisters through her simplicity, her fervor in carrying out various community services, and her openness to the world, especially to Pakistan. She seized every opportunity to remain connected with the families she had supported over the years, even helping to facilitate some adoptions. She remained close to Pakistani priests by sending them stipends for Masses, and she always had a word of encouragement for young people. About a year ago, she peacefully accepted a transfer to the Giacomo Alberione community in Albano. In recent months, she faced multiple hospitalizations, and a few days ago her condition worsened due to severe renal and heart failure.

Today's Gospel illuminates Sr. M. Lorenza's whole existence and is a source of great hope: "Now you are in pain, but I will see you again and your heart will rejoice..." For Sr. M. Lorenza, the time has come for joy, peace, and full apostolic fruitfulness.

Affectionately,

Rome, May 30, 2025

  
Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan