



Dearest Sisters,

While the work of the Chapter continues with intensity, we have received the news that at 5:30 a.m., in the community of the Motherhouse in Alba, the Divine Master extended His final and most important call to our sister

**MAESTRELLO Sr. SILVANA MARIA**  
**Born in Casaleone (Verona) on November 14, 1950**

Sr. M. Silvana was a kind and gentle sister, serene, lovable, wise, and responsible. She was capable of dialogue and openness, always eager to grow in knowledge of the Lord and in her commitment to our vast and boundless mission—something she had come to appreciate through participation in several vocational retreats while in discernment.

She entered the congregation on July 4, 1973, in Verona, motivated by *a desire to do something meaningful, true, and good, to respond with joy and fidelity to the gift she had received*. The following year Sr. M. Silvana was transferred to Alba for her postulancy and novitiate, making her first profession on October 31, 1976, the Solemnity of the Divine Master. During her juniorate, she earned a teaching diploma and took part in itinerant evangelization in Verona and Agrigento. She shared that *the apostolate had become an experience of faith because the needs of the people deepened her desire for a more personal relationship with the living Christ*.

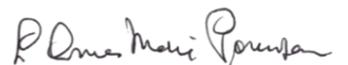
While preparing for perpetual profession in Naples, she had the opportunity *to pause and contemplate the Lord's wonders*. As she wrote, *a deeper longing had arisen within her for integration and harmony, for welcoming diversity with mutual respect and appreciation*

After professing her perpetual vows in Rome on January 9, 1983, Sr. M. Silvana dedicated herself to the itinerant apostolate in Reggio Emilia. Later, after a time studying theology in the Rome-Lucchesi community, she began traveling throughout the regions of Piedmont and Emilia as a *representative for Edizioni Paoline*, engaging directly with managers of secular bookstores. She strongly believed in this form of evangelization and dedicated herself to it full-time.

In 2000 Sr. M. Silvana was named to the Provincial Government of Italy. As a councilor she was specifically tasked with accompanying and animating the communities entrusted to her. After, she was assigned to the book center in Trieste and later to the Data Processing Office in Rome. Because of her calm and positive relational style, she was soon appointed superior of the Queen of Apostles community in Rome, and then, for two terms, as superior of the Salerno community.

In 2015 Sr. M. Silvana again served as provincial councilor for spirituality, and in the following term she took on the role of provincial vicar as well. But signs of Parkinson's disease had already begun to appear, slowly affecting her organs and leading to a steady physical decline. Since 2021, she had been living in Alba, first in the community and later, due to the progression of her illness, in the infirmary, where she spent her final years in peaceful acceptance of her condition, never asking for special attention. Her sudden passing from cardiac arrest became her ultimate encounter with the Divine Master, one for which she was surely prepared, with the lamp of faith and love burning bright.

During this time of the General Chapter, we feel Sr. M. Silvana especially close to us. To her, who now beholds the face of the Father, we entrust our prayer: "May we have fire in the heart, words on the lips, and prophecy in our gaze" (St. Paul VI), so that we may discern the ways of God toward a missionary future filled with hope. Affectionately,

  
Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan

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