



Dearest Sisters,

Last night, at 7 p.m., in the community of Alba, the good and merciful Father called our sister to live forever in the peace and joy of his home:

QUIRITI GIOVANNA Sr. MARIA EMANUELLA
born in Bertipaglia di Maserà (Padua) on March 1, 1931

Sr. M. Emanuella was a woman of deep passion, always ready to embrace new initiatives with creativity and wholehearted commitment—whether spreading the Gospel, supporting the most vulnerable, or promoting social and ecclesial projects.

She entered the congregation in Rome, inspired by the example of her younger sister, Sr. Danila, who also preceded her into eternal life. Sr. M. Emanuella made her novitiate in Rome, followed by her first profession on March 19, 1950, during the Holy Year. Soon afterward, she gained valuable experience working in the bindery at Alba and at the St. Paul Film Agency in Verona. While still a junior professed, she began serving as the driver for the communities in Alba and Rome—an apostolate she carried out with dedication until her later years. She believed that the role of driver was an indispensable support for the Pauline mission. After making her perpetual profession on the feast of St. Joseph in 1955, Sr. M. Emanuella brought her creativity and zeal to the book center in Reggio Calabria. Yet, the apostolate that most marked the fruitful years of her life was her service as a vocation director, especially in the communities of Verona and Brescia. She had a unique gift for discerning the vocational call of each young person, coupled with remarkable courage in inviting them to follow Jesus in the Pauline way of life. Faithful to the method described in the Gospels, she would look directly into their eyes and, with confidence, invite, encourage, and call them forth.

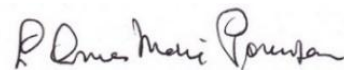
In 1977, after five years of apostolic service in the book center in Novara, Sr. M. Emanuela requested a year's leave of absence, followed by two years of exclaustation, in order, as she herself wrote, to "carry out the mission in a more personal and different way." During that time, she dedicated herself to assisting Italian emigrants in Germany. Upon returning to the community, she served in the book centers of Pordenone, Ferrara, Brescia, and Trieste. In Mestre, she spent several years working in diocesan offices, and later, in Rome, she assisted in promoting our Pauline magazines.

In 2001, Sr. M. Emanuela joined the St. Joseph community in Alba, where she served as driver and ran errands for nearly twenty years. She was a very intuitive person, and whenever she was out, she saw opportunities to get to know the diocese, parishes, and various pastoral initiatives, while remaining especially close to people in difficulty. She became well known and deeply loved by the people of Alba, who always asked for news about her. She had a special affection for the poor and those in greatest need. This same spirit drew her to the Bakhita Pastoral Center for Migrants, which provides religious assistance and support to immigrants, refugees, and people on the move, such as the Romani or Roma people. Tirelessly, she collaborated on initiatives focused on welcome, listening, integration, and education for migrants. Alas, age caught up with Sr. M. Emanuella. A few years ago, she was welcomed into the infirmary at the Motherhouse in Alba, even though she had no particular ailments. She was bedridden for only a week, and until the end she remained alert and responsive. In serenity and peace, she fell asleep in the Lord.

To Sr. M. Emanuella, we entrust the work of our Chapter so that we may be *moved by the fire of the Spirit* to respond with vision, creativity, and love to the great expectations of humanity.

With affection.

Rome, September 10, 2025


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