



Dearest Sisters,

In the Divine Providence community in Rome, at 8 p.m., the Father of Light gently drew to himself our sister

GALLUS Sr. LUCIA
born in Cagliari on August 31, 1938

When Sr. Lucia entered the congregation in Alba on June 5, 1962, she likely had no idea that she was paving the way for a surge of Sardinian vocations, many of whom were discerning their own call to the Lord at that time. She had already earned her diploma in accounting while at home and often joked, with healthy pride, that she was the one who had studied the least among her siblings. She was proud of her sister, a religious of the Little Missionaries of Charity (Don Orione), and of her brothers—all of whom were college graduates and actively engaged in politics and public service. After her initial years of formation at the Motherhouse, she entered the novitiate and made her first profession on June 30, 1965.

As a junior professed, Sr. Lucia served at the St. Paul Film Agency in Turin. After making her perpetual profession in Rome on June 27, 1971, she was assigned to the *Ut Unum Sint* center where she collaborated in preparing materials for the correspondence Bible school. Thanks to her strong administrative skills, she provided reliable and dedicated assistance in various bursars' offices for several years—first in Rome (Castro Pretorio), then at the provincial house on Via Vivanti, and later in Milan on Via Paolo Uccello.

Sr. Lucia's attention to detail and solid cultural background made her a capable and dedicated librarian in the Divine Providence community in Rome and at USMI (Union of Major Superiors of Italy). She also collaborated remotely with the editorial center in Milan, offering valuable suggestions that reflected her insatiable thirst for knowledge and culture. In recent years, she also gladly helped at the switchboard of the large Roman community with her usual care and dedication. In her final months, she faced repeated hospitalizations due to a severe hiatal hernia that made eating difficult and caused serious anemia.

Sr. Lucia was a multifaceted person: serious and reserved, deeply reflective, and carried within her heart a rich spiritual life. She was open to new ideas and had a unique gift for discovering fresh meaning and inspiration from the Word of God. She was deeply devoted to Maestra Thecla. For her, Prima Maestra was truly *great and extraordinary*... she saw her as the *new woman* placed beside the *new man* for the salvation of humanity. Sr. Lucia was also a poet. In the various introductions to the songs of *Dream of a Woman*, which she wrote to commemorate the centenary of Maestra Thecla's birth, she told the story of the *dream* of Paulines—past and present. She envisioned them as women clothed with the sun, immersed in the world, walking its roads, women reaching toward a new humanity, swallows in flight expanding the breath of the horizon and the future, messengers of joy, ready like Mary, swift to respond. Women both ancient and new. Women of the Spirit, virgins wholly dedicated to motherhood. Today, for her, the *dream* has become reality.

A night of dreams, that night. Speak, your Lord is calling you, do not remain silent.

I have entrusted you with the most majestic and noble words,

and filling you with joy, I shared a dream with you—

a dream worthy of trust, even more: a vision.

Do not be afraid, I am with you.

Affectionately,

Rome, October 8, 2025


Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan