



Dearest Sisters,

At 12:10 a.m. on December 3, in the community of Albano, our sister was called to *dwell forever in the house of the Lord*:

**VIETTI SECONDINA MARIA Sr. MARIA CLELIA
born in Castiglione Falletto (Cuneo) on June 14, 1938**

Sr. M. Clelia entered the congregation in the Motherhouse in Alba, not far from her family home, on October 25, 1953, at the age of fifteen. In poetic language, the pastor described her departure this way: “Secondina entered the Daughters of St. Paul to prepare herself worthily to set sail... with strength continually fueled by the fire of the Spirit. Other journeys await her, other destinations smile upon her, other horizons enchant her... and we thank her for the example of strength and determination she has given us.”

At the Motherhouse Sr. M. Clelia learned the craft of bookbinding, and before leaving for Rome to begin her novitiate, she had the joy of bringing the Gospel to families and local communities in Cremona, located in Lombardy. After making her first profession in Rome on June 30, 1958, she returned once more to the community of Cremona. As a young professed sister, she was given an extraordinary privilege: to accompany the Pilgrim Virgin of Our Lady of Fatima by helicopter to every diocese in Italy. It was an experience she cherished for the rest of her life.

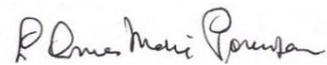
In 1961, because of glandular tuberculosis, Sr. M. Clelia was welcomed into the Albano community, and from that moment on, that house became her home—the place of her daily commitment, her growth in professional skill and faith, and her apostolic service, especially toward the sick. Shortly before her arrival in Albano, Father Alberione described what was then simply a convalescent home for Daughters of St. Paul in need of continuing care in this way: “We want the convalescent house to be in a beautiful place, on a little rise, where the air is good. But I want to add: it should have a clear view of the sky—of paradise! As it stands high and looks upward, let hearts be raised as well: *sursum corda!* And imagine that behind those stars are already other stars—your sisters...” (August 20, 1960).

Sr. M. Clelia spent sixty-four years in the Alban Hills, accompanying the entire development of the Regina Apostolorum Hospital while steadily preparing herself to offer increasingly specialized care to the sisters. After earning her nursing diploma, she went on to obtain certification as a head nurse in 1972, and later as a radiology technician. For thirty uninterrupted years, from 1980 to 2010, she served as the chief technician in the imaging diagnostics department. When that responsibility was entrusted to others, she continued to serve with the same love and dedication until 2020 when the COVID pandemic prompted her retirement due to age.

For the past five years Sr. M. Clelia served at the community switchboard and reception desk, but in her heart, she retained the memory of her time at the hospital and willingly maintained contact with her doctors and co-workers. She expressed much joy for the growth of their families, just as she was attentive and caring toward her own family. She was very precise when leading the liturgy and community prayer, preparing for it with care and including references to Pauline spirituality and our commitment to reparation. She embraced the Founder’s conviction that “*from the convalescent home should rise a continuous wave of reparation for the sins committed through modern media—press, cinema, radio, television, and every other means. May a wave of grace go forth and spread over all who work in the apostolate, so that Jesus the Master, Way, Truth, and Life, may enter society and the world...*”

Pancreatitis with its complications struck Sr. M. Clelia suddenly toward the end of July, and extended hospital stays in the following months could do nothing to halt its progress. Like the faithful Virgin, she held fast in her heart to the certainty of God’s promise. And in the grace of faith, we believe she now gazes upon the Face she so long desired to behold.

Affectionately,


Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan

Rome, December 3, 2025