



Dearest Sisters,

At 10:02 a.m. on May 10th, the Sixth Sunday of Easter, in the infirmary of the Maestra Thecla community in Pasay City, Philippines, the Risen Christ called our sister

GUEVARRA GENEROSA, Sr. VIRGINIA MARIA
born in Cabiao, Nueva Ecija (Philippines) on November 13, 1929

On the occasion of her fiftieth anniversary of profession in 2005, Sr. Virginia M. expressed to the Superior General her joy at reaching this milestone and, at the same time, her deep love for M. Thecla, from whom she had always received great support. She wrote: “M. Thecla is our mother, our model; we have the great task of measuring ourselves against her every day in order to imitate her. I am happy and content, and I wish to serve the good Lord for many more years... I want to become a saint like the Prima Maestra Thecla.” This profound desire for holiness animated the entire life of Sr. Virginia M., who had also adopted from M. Thecla the *Decalogue of Quickness*, which became her habitual way of life.

Sr. Virginia M. came from a family of educators and, before entering the congregation, completed her teacher training. She entered the congregation in Lipa on November 24, 1950, and made her novitiate and first profession there on March 19, 1955. She then dedicated herself to itinerant evangelization in the Diocese of Naga. At the end of another period of formation in 1960, she made her perpetual profession in Pasay City. With full conviction, Sr. Virginia M. continued her commitment to spreading the Gospel in the Diocese of Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia, and then returned to the Philippines to take charge of the book centers in Vigan, Naga, Lipa, and Pasay City. Everywhere she went, she devoted herself to proclaiming the Word with love, using not only books but also 16mm films, visiting parishes in the evenings to screen them and inspire catechetical reflection.


In Vigan and Naga, she was called at different times to serve as local superior. In 1982, Sr. Virginia M. was given the opportunity for a period of theological renewal before resuming her apostolic ministry in the Lipa and Legazpi communities. In Pasay City, she dedicated herself on several occasions to assisting in the bindery. For several years, she also collaborated on the production of radio programs and worked in the promotion and advertising office. With great dedication, Sr. Virginia M. helped prepare the music cassettes that were distributed throughout the region. She always remained especially close to her family, who were generous benefactors to the community, through prayer and affection. In 2009, she was granted a year of leave to care for a seriously ill brother who needed assistance.

Sr. Virginia M. was a joyful, positive sister, cheerful and always ready to brighten community life with her playful humor, singing, games, and participation in recreational activities. She was simple and witty, straightforward yet responsible, hardworking, and gifted at building fruitful apostolic relationships. She related especially well to young people and to the lay collaborators involved in our mission. Even when sick, Sr. Virginia M. continued to ease difficult situations with humor and serenity.

For several years, she suffered from serious illnesses, including bronchial asthma, osteoarthritis, and dementia, and was bedridden. Yesterday, her condition suddenly worsened. After a brief improvement, she lost consciousness during the community Mass this morning. Shortly thereafter, the Lord called Sr. Virginia M. to enjoy His Face in the mystery of the Trinitarian life forever.

Affectionately,

Rome, May 10, 2026


Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan