



Dearest Sisters,

On May 27 at 11:30 a.m., in the “Giacomo Alberione” community in Albano, the Virgin Mary, Gate of Heaven, welcomed our sister

Sister M. TECLA BOSIO ANTONIA
born in Peia, Bergamo, on June 7, 1937

Sr. M. Tecla belonged to a very large and deeply Christian family from whom she inherited the simplicity and industriousness that are hallmarks of Bergamo culture. She entered the congregation in Verona on December 13, 1960, and soon went to Alba and Como for her formation and first apostolic experiences. She made her novitiate in the large house in Milan on Via Feltre and made her profession of first vows there on June 30, 1964. Immediately afterward, she dedicated herself to proclaiming the Word through biblical missions and book fairs in the vast archdioceses of Milan and Rome.

In 1969, she returned to Alba to prepare for her perpetual profession. In her request for admission to this important step, she expressed to the superior general, Sr. Ignazia Balla, her awareness of being called to embrace a life of renunciation, sacrifice, and complete self-giving to God, yet at the same time she expressed her full conviction that she was walking the path intended for her by the Lord. She wrote: “All that remains for me is to trust in him, in his help, and in his grace to fulfill ever more perfectly what the superior general asks of me as an expression of God’s will.” After her perpetual profession in Alba on June 30, 1969, she was called to manage the book center in Sondrio, Lombardy, and to learn, day by day, the secrets of this apostolate that would mark forty years of her life.

In the bookstores of Brescia, Verona, Pavia, Turin, Trento, and Livorno, Sr. M. Tecla revealed her deep love for the Gospel and her desire to spread it generously so that all might come to know the living person of Jesus. She carefully studied new publications so she could recommend them knowledgeably, helping to foster an increasingly Gospel-centered culture.

In her apostolic service, Sr. M. Tecla was precise, punctual, and capable of giving her all. She had a wonderful ability to connect with customers and respond to their needs kindly. She rejoiced when the bookstore was literally filled with young seminarians, often seeking fraternal conversation and words of encouragement.

Sr. M. Tecla also served as superior of the community in Pavia for three years.

Around the year 2010, while Sr. M. Tecla was in Livorno, symptoms of several serious illnesses appeared, leading to her withdrawal from apostolic activity and her transfer to the “Tecla Merlo” community in Albano. Her life pulsed with the mission, and she seized every opportunity—including monetary donations—to purchase Bibles to distribute generously to everyone she met. The Gospel was her horizon; the Gospel illuminated her prayer and daily offering; spreading the Gospel was what gave meaning to her entire life.

A little over a year ago, following a fall, Sr. M. Tecla was transferred to the Giacomo Alberione community in Albano. By then, she was completely bedridden due to severe heart disease accompanied by advanced dementia. She hardly spoke anymore, but her gaze was attentive, alert, awaiting her encounter with her Lord. And with the Gospel in her heart, Sr. M. Tecla went to meet her Bridegroom to sing, with all the saints, the *new song* of the redeemed.

Affectionately,

Rome, May 27, 2026


Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan