



Dearest Sisters,

On the afternoon of July 6, at 5:00 p.m., at the Giacomo Alberione community in Albano, the Father of Light called our sister

**LAMA OLGA, Sr. MARIA OLGA**  
**born in Casale Modigliana (Forlì) on May 21, 1929**

At last, the deepest desire of this dear sister's heart has been fulfilled. She had long awaited with eager anticipation her definitive encounter with the Living Lord, her beloved Bridegroom.

Sr. M. Olga entered the congregation in Alba on November 21, 1949, the Feast of the Presentation of the Virgin Mary. And like Our Lady, she nurtured a deep desire to make her life a gift, an offering pleasing to the Father. Given her relative maturity, she first spent a year carrying out the itinerant apostolate throughout the vast Archdiocese of Milan before she made her novitiate in Rome which she concluded with her first profession on March 19, 1952. Sr. M. Olga then continued her apostolate in the Rovigo and Verona dioceses, spreading the Gospel and other formative books among families, offices, and institutions. From 1957 to 1965, she devoted herself—with her characteristic enthusiasm—to the laundry and to caring for the sick sisters at the infirmary community in Albano. She later served in the large Divina Provvidenza community in Rome, where she generously used her knitting skills to make garments for the sisters.

Above all, Sr. M. Olga loved to pray. The sisters who shared their early years of religious life with her remember her eagerness—and the acrobatics she went through—to slip out of the large dormitory of the Rome community in the early morning hours and arrive at the doors of the Queen of Apostles shrine as early as possible, often finding them still locked. Her desire for union with the Lord was so strong that in 1970 she requested and received permission to enter the Monastery of the Poor Clares in Urbino. For her, it proved to be a truly unique experience, one she later recounted with great animation and vivid detail. Upon entering the monastery, she immediately realized the richness of our Pauline spirituality and understood that she could never leave it behind. Sr. M. Olga often recalled that it was during that time, more than ever before, that she came to appreciate the richness of the Pauline prayers. Before long, she felt a compelling call to return to the Daughters of St. Paul, encouraged as well by conversations with Fr. Stefano Lamera, SSP, and a Jesuit priest.

With humility and trust, on the Feast of St. Ignatius in 1972, she asked Maestra Ignazia Balla, then Superior General, to readmit her to the congregation, affirming her that *the inner martyrdom* of those years *had been poured into the chalice for the congregation*. On that very occasion, she welcomed the Chapter Documents with *immense joy*. She wrote: “As I read them, my soul breathes deeply the air of home, made all the more wholesome by the sunshine of Vatican II.” Sr. M. Olga’s monastic experience profoundly marked her life and her vocation.


She then devoted herself enthusiastically to caring for the sick, especially in the communities of Alba and Ariccia (Galloro). In Rome and Brescia, she carried out kitchen duties and had the opportunity to put her talent for knitting to good use.

Beginning in 2012, Sr. M. Olga belonged to the Giacomo Alberione community in Albano. She had no serious health problems apart from *Alzheimer’s* disease. She lived in constant expectation of the Bridegroom and would often good-naturedly scold the nurses, saying that their attentive care was only prolonging the moment of that encounter.

Finally, the long-awaited day arrived. The Divine Master extended to Sr. M. Olga the definitive invitation to be with him, to live in the joy of his presence, to sing forever of the faithfulness of his love, and to savor his goodness and mercy.

Affectionately,

Rome, July 6, 2026



Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan