



Dearest Sisters,

On August 2nd, the 18th Sunday of Ordinary Time, at 6:10 pm in the community of Albano, Italy, our sister was called to quench her thirst forever at the sources of life:

BAGINSKA Sr. KRYSTYNA MARIA
born in Kwidzyn, Elblag, Poland, on 22 August 1967

Sr. Krystyna M. was part of the first group of Polish vocations, the fruit of the intense pastoral efforts of Sr. Ester Fissore and Sr. Ottavia Tonet, even before the community's official opening in Lublin. She entered on September 22, 1986, after completing her accounting studies, when the Polish nation was still living under the communist regime. The following year, Sr. Krystyna arrived at the Generalate in Rome to learn Italian and begin her formation. At the end of the two-year novitiate, on June 30, 1990, she made her first profession in Rome and returned to Poland to study theology and devote herself to distributing the first catechetical aids produced in Polish. On the Solemnity of St. Paul in 1995, she pronounced her perpetual vows in Lublin, after a period of preparation in Italy as part of an international group of juniors. In Lublin, Sr. Krystyna dedicated herself to the pastoral care of vocations and study. She obtained a licentiate in theology and a diploma in administration and marketing. She collaborated in opening the community in Krakow, committing herself to the start of the new apostolic center.

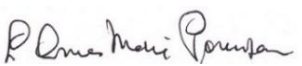
In 2008, she was assigned to Portugal, where some family members lived. In Porto, Sr. Krystyna M. learned Portuguese, and in Faro, she devoted herself to apostolic outreach. Later, in Lisbon, she helped with the apostolate switchboard and administration. In 2011, she underwent surgery for breast cancer, and after some time it appeared to be in remission. However, in 2017, she was transferred to Albano to continue treatment and devote herself to various community services. She loved small gestures that brought joy to the community: the festive napkins she would buy on different trips, Polish chocolates, or a special bottle of wine. Sr. Krystyna was sustained by a deep love for the Word of God. Through prayer and personal sacrifice, she felt deeply involved in the preparation of *La Bibbia San Paolo, Scrutate le Scritture* (*Search the Scriptures*), and received one of its first copies as an unexpected and treasured gift. Attentive to her spiritual life, Sr. Krystyna M. signed up each year for a retreat to strengthen her along the often-demanding journey of discipleship, and she consistently made good use of spiritual direction.

About three years ago, the cancer metastasized, and she resumed chemotherapy. Last December, Sr. Krystyna M. underwent jaw surgery with great courage. In recent months, further examinations revealed metastases to her liver and brain, for which she received palliative radiation therapy. Her greatest concern, however, was her elderly mother. With devoted care, Sr. Krystyna traveled to Poland last April to accompany her mother to Portugal, where her brother, a priest, could care for her.

Several biblical images were a profound source of inspiration for Sr. Krystyna M., and they continued to illuminate her life until her final day: the angel's annunciation to Mary and to Joseph, with its invitation, "Do not be afraid," and the image of the prophet Elijah, alone in the cave. She saw herself in that cave, longing to emerge and remain forever in the Lord's presence. We now entrust Sr. Krystyna M. to the Father's merciful love, confident that she rests in his peace. May he surround her with his light and welcome her into the joy of his eternal home.

Affectionately,

Rome, August 2, 2026


Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan