



Dearest Sisters,

At 7:30 on the morning of Saturday, August 8, in the Divine Providence community in Rome, the Virgin Mary, Queen of Apostles welcomed into the kingdom of heaven, our sister

CARBONI Sr. M. VITTORIA
born in Sinnai (Cagliari) on May 8, 1938

“I am nothing, less than nothing. On this nothing I have staked my life. For this I give thanks to Jesus, to the Father, and to the Holy Spirit for all the gifts of nature and grace, and to Mary, Queen of Apostles, because from her I receive tenderness and love on my journey toward Jesus.... Thank you, Jesus, for allowing me to be nothing; thank you for faith in my humble poverty.... I fear nothing, even when I am undergoing trials, because you are always with me.... I hold on to your loving presence....”

These words, written during an annual retreat, sum up the whole life of Sr. M. Vittoria, who was a simple and good sister, humble and devoted to others, quietly attentive to the needs of the community and the mission.

Sr. M. Vittoria entered the congregation in Alba on September 7, 1962. On June 30, 1966, after completing postulancy and novitiate, she made her first profession in Alba. As a junior professed, she was assigned to the communities of Milan and Sondrio, spreading the Word among families, parishes, and institutions. When she submitted her request for admission to perpetual profession, which she made in Rome on June 30, 1972, Sr. M. Vittoria confided that during those years she had experienced *the greatness and beauty of the mission*. She expressed her desire *to continue living with availability, joy, and fervor, generously giving herself in charity and collaboration with everyone*.

These are the qualities of Sr. M. Vittoria that remain in the hearts of the sisters who shared life with her over the years. Joy and fervor marked the years she devoted to spreading the Word through the book centers in Bergamo, Brescia, Tortona, Cosenza, Cagliari, and Salerno. In addition to joy and fervor, the gifts of listening, respect, and trust, were also evident when Sr. M. Vittoria was called to the service of authority. She was, in fact, a beloved superior in the communities of Bologna, Como, Albano “Thecla Merlo,” and Perugia. The sisters felt at ease with Sr. M. Vittoria because of her simplicity and humility, the way she welcomed everyone, her simple and unassuming lifestyle, her attentiveness to the things of the Spirit, and her gift for fostering peace.

In 2016, Sr. M. Vittoria was appointed a group leader in the Divine Providence community in Rome and was later transferred to Bologna, where she served as vice superior. Beginning in 2019, she lived in the infirmary of the Rome community so that she could receive appropriate care for her increasing physical difficulties, due in part to the effects of *Crohn’s disease*, a chronic inflammatory disease of the digestive track that had caused her considerable suffering for many years and had literally worn her down. Ultimately, however, it was respiratory difficulty, as she had only one lung, that brought her to her final encounter with her Lord and Master.

Sr. M. Vittoria, a woman of great faith who *staked her life on God*, is now in the house of joy, peace, full and eternal youth. This is how we lovingly imagine her as we thank her for the gift of her life and entrust her to the infinite mercy of the Father.

Affectionately,

Rome, August 8, 2026


Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan