



Dear Sisters,

With deep emotion, we inform you that on, September 9, at 8:20 a.m., in the San Raffaele unit of the Albano community, the Father of light called to himself our sister

PINTANI GEMMA MARIA Sr. M. CARITAS
born in Povegliano, Verona, Italy on August 9, 1935

We remember the sweetness of her smile, her kind gaze, her ever-present “thank you,” her simplicity of life, and her capacity for sacrifice. We remember Sr. M. Caritas’ gifted hands, which created true works of art from simple materials such as sand, shells, and twine separated into the finest threads, producing pictures that were proudly displayed in various exhibitions. Her hands were always busy as well, creating beautiful crocheted and knitted pieces: centerpieces, scarves, and multicolored coverlets that she generously gave to Pauline communities throughout the world. She was skilled in the craft of tatting, which she used for various decorations. In her younger years, she learned to play the flute from her father and would enliven community gatherings with her music.

Sr. M. Caritas entered the congregation in Alba at the age of eighteen, on September 1, 1953. After completing her first years of formation and apostolic experience in Cremona, she made her novitiate in Rome, at the end of which she made her first profession on June 30, 1957. It was a memorable day for the Pauline Family, which was celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of the Founder’s priestly ordination and his embrace of the call to walk in the footsteps of St. Paul.

Sr. M. Caritas made her juniorate in Chiavari, where she carried out the widespread dissemination of the Word of God. After making her perpetual profession in Rome on June 30, 1962, she continued to devote herself to the demanding itinerant mission among families, parishes, and institutions in Belluno. She confided that those years spent visiting families were a great grace for her. In 1966, because of her rather fragile health due to severe scoliosis, she was assigned to the Albano community to receive more appropriate care and to assist the sick sisters.

To provide a more qualified service, Sr. M. Caritas earned a practical nursing diploma at the Fatebenefratelli San Pietro Hospital in Rome in 1978, and for several years after she cared for patients at the Regina Apostolorum Hospital in Albano, especially during the always demanding night shifts. She recalled that during those long nights she would make the rounds of the various units to help wherever she was needed. She was also responsible for the kitchenettes and service areas of the various hospital units. She helped in the garden and sacristy, always available for whatever was needed and always ready to seek donations for the community.

About ten years ago, as her osteoarthritis and other degenerative conditions worsened, Sr. M. Caritas was moved to the San Raffaele unit because she was no longer self-sufficient. She was a reserved and quiet person and despite her physical suffering, she did not complain. From time to time, especially when remembering her nieces and nephews who lived far away, her eyes would light up, and a beautiful smile would brighten her face. In recent weeks, repeated cardiovascular and pulmonary crises weakened her body and prepared her to pronounce “Here I am, Lord” which ushered her forever into the contemplation of the face of God.

We thank Sr. Caritas for all the good she accomplished in the service of the sick and the community, and we entrust her to the Father’s embrace, that he may grant her the fullness of Life and joy.

Affectionately,

Rome, September 9, 2026


Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan