



Dear Sisters,

The Lord has come among us time and again in these days. On September 11, at 9:00 a.m., he called to himself, from the Giacomo Alberione community in Albano, our sister

VAROTTO LUCIANA Sr. M. FIORENZA
born in Ponte San Nicolò, Padua, Italy on August 29, 1939

Sr. M. Fiorenza came from a large family in the Veneto region, with strong roots and a deep religious faith. She always received support, companionship, and much love from her family. Her sister, Sr. M. Rita, also found her vocation there and is a member of the Poor Clares of the Most Holy Annunciation.

Sr. M. Fiorenza entered the congregation in Rome on January 24, 1958, and, after her postulancy and year of novitiate, made her first profession at our Regina Apostolorum basilica on June 30, 1962. Following a period of itinerant missionary work in Genoa, she prepared for her perpetual profession, which she made in 1967. She then began a fascinating new chapter at the busy San Paolo Film agency on Via Castro Pretorio in Rome. It was a considerable challenge: she had to become familiar with the films so she could present them to parishes, schools, and institutions. It was a whole new world for Sr. M. Fiorenza, and she embraced it with enthusiasm, committed to keeping up with developments and to the study of cinema. Because of her expertise, in 1978 she was asked to succeed Sr. M. Alba Bertolin as director of San Paolo Film in Italy. This responsibility placed her in charge of the Daughters of St. Paul agencies and relations with the Society of St. Paul and the group of sisters working at their production facility. The role allowed her to explore new possibilities and deepen the work of evangelization through audiovisual media.

In 1985, another phase of Sr. M. Fiorenza's life began, one devoted entirely to fostering communion for a fruitful apostolate. She first joined the provincial government of Italy as a regional delegate. After a period of continuing education in Milan, she became superior of the community there, which was dedicated to editorial work. Sr. M. Fiorenza went on to serve as group leader in the large Divina Provvidenza community in Rome, as superior of the Regina degli Apostoli community for two terms, and as superior of the generalate for another two terms. She then served for a further six years as superior of the Regina degli Apostoli community. Sr. M. Fiorenza devoted more than twenty-four years to making life in our communities more beautiful and meaningful. She was the kind of superior everyone would wish to have. Open in mind and heart, as the superior of the generalate community she welcomed sisters from every continent, of different ages and with different roles. She worked openly and sincerely with the general government and those responsible for the central apostolic sectors while remaining close to the older sisters who needed care and attention. She had a generous heart and knew how to appreciate each person.

Sr. M. Fiorenza lived her last eleven years in the Giacomo Alberione community in Albano with her characteristic simplicity. She was always willing to help as a driver or telephone receptionist. When declining health forced her to step back from her usual activities three years ago, she continued to bring serenity, peace, and a deep sense of gratitude to the community. She had several serious illnesses that limited her mobility, including severe vascular disease. Yet Sr. M. Fiorenza accepted every situation from the hands of the good Father, who called her to himself to give her life in its fullness. We will cherish the richness of her Pauline experience and, above all, the certainty that the grace of a vocation can work miracles: miracles of courage, faith, and prophecy.

Affectionately,

Rome, September 11, 2026


Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan