



On September 7, 2023, at 1:30 PM, on the Vigil of the Feast of the Birth of Mary Most Holy, at the “Michele e Pietro Ferrero” Hospital in Verduno (CN), the Lord called our sister to participate in the feast of his Mother in heaven

SR. M. ALBINA – ANNA BRIGNONE
born on January 21, 1937, in Monastero di Dronero (CN).

On January 24, the Sunday following her birth, she was brought to the baptismal font in the Parish of S. Antonio in Monastero di Dronero, and received the grace of the Christian life, inserted into the Mystical Body of Christ, which is the Church. The fourth of nine children, she was raised in a beautiful family, filled with faith and the spirit of sacrifice. Following the example of her sister Maria, now Sr. M. Epifania, on May 19, 1954, at the age of seventeen, she entered among the Sister Disciples of the Divine Master in Alba, in Casa Madre. In her written vocational witness, she affirmed that she chose the month of May to assure herself of Mary’s protection.

Following the regular novitiate, on March 25, 1958, together with a good group of companions, she made her Religious Profession in Rome and, five years later, on March 25, 1963, she made her perpetual profession in Rome.

She demonstrated a marked practical sense and for some years she carried out various services in our communities: refectory, sacristan, various maintenance services, etc...

She spent the major part of her religious life in the Pauline communities of the Society of Saint Paul as a nurse, especially after receiving her diploma as a professional nurse. Many Brothers and Priests experienced her strong and decisive care that was also very humane and attentive to their physical and psychological needs. This was witnessed especially by those coming as missionaries or students from other countries who had to adapt themselves to the different climate and cultural requirements that often compromised their physical health as well.

A Sister Disciple of service and of prayer, she drew from the daily Eucharistic adoration the energy necessary to carry out her daily commitments with patience and availability.

In her letters to the Major Superiors, she remarked on the changes in our presence in

the communities of the Society of Saint Paul and hoped that there would be a renewed understanding of the priestly dimension of the vocation of the Sister Disciple.

With her sister, Sr. M. Epifania, they supported by intercessory prayer and fraternal participation, the priestly and missionary vocation of their brother, Father Pier Mario.

In 2007, she was sent to Albano Laziale (RM) as a nurse in the Divine Master Community and then transferred to Sanfré where, for as long as her health permitted, she offered her contribution in community life, in prayer, and in service.

Suffering from nephrotic syndrome, in the last weeks it became necessary to admit her to a hospital setting where, shortly thereafter, the overall clinical picture became more complicated in a manner that was irreversible.

She who had placed her religious life, from its first steps, under the protection of the Madonna, received her definitive call to eternal life under the gaze of Mary as a sign of consolation and of future hope.

Now, Sr. M. Albina, as you live in fulness your vocation as a Disciple of Jesus, with Mary and like Mary, continue to watch over your loved ones, his priests, especially those who are tested by every kind of weakness, and intercede for new and holy vocations in the Church of God.

Sr. M. Michaela Monetti