



Dear Sisters,

On September 30, 2023, in the community of Sanfré (CN), at 4:00 AM, Jesus Master definitively called to himself, to receive the gift of eternal life, our sister,

SR. M. VIRGINIA –M. ANGELA ATZORI
born on October 14, 1939, in Cabras (OR) – Italy.

On the Saturday after her birth, October 21, 1939, the little girl was brought to the baptismal font in the parish of S. Maria Assunta (Cabras) and received the gift of the Christian life, baptized into the death and resurrection of Christ Jesus.

She was not yet nineteen years of age when, on September 8, 1958, the Feast of the Nativity of Mary, she entered among the Sister Disciples in Alba (Casa Madre). In April of the same year, her sister Anita, the firstborn of the seven children, had taken the same step, leaving the paternal home to undertake a journey of consecrated life, always among the Sister Disciples, but in Rome.

Upon completion of the novitiate, she made her religious profession on May 7, 1961 in Rome, together with her sister, who received the name of Sr. M. Amabile (+ 14.02.2002). After five years, both of them took the final step of perpetual profession in Rome on May 7, 1966.

She spent her religious life in numerous Italian communities, generously offering herself in fulfilling the ordinary needs: kitchen, laundry, sewing workroom, etc. From 1975 until 2020, Sr. M. Virginia collaborated principally in the Liturgical Apostolate Centers, at times also assuming managerial responsibilities: Milan RA, Roma SMM, Cagliari, Turin, Bordighera, Genoa, Naples, etc. In 1976, in fact, she had obtained a degree in business which, together with her apostolic zeal, provided the necessary competence to undertake this service. She fulfilled it generously, with an apostolic spirit, in her attention to the priests and laity, to the dignity and beauty of the liturgical celebration and prayer.

She showed herself to be diligent, cordial and precise: faithful to the vocation she received with the intention of offering a service to the priestly people of God, nourishing herself daily with liturgical prayer and the Eucharistic adoration. She was simple and capable of naturally downplaying the complex events of her own life. Serene, even in the face of declining physical energy, she sometimes responded with light humor in giving witness to a life that was gradually concentrating itself upon that which is essential.

Some months ago she was transferred to the community of Sanfré, where she found the fraternity and the care that was suitable to the fragility of her physical health: for some time, in fact, she had been suffering from cardiovascular complications. Thus, as a vigilant disciple attentive to the arrival of the Bridegroom, early in the morning, she responded «Here I am», faithful to what she wrote many years ago: «*I am very content in my most beautiful vocation and, with the help of the Divine Master, I want to be a Sister Disciple for the present, the future, and for eternity!*».

Now that you belong to the community of Heaven, pray for us in this post-Chapter journey, and intercede for the entire Church committed to the synodal conversion.

Sr. M. Micaela Haneth'