



Dear Sisters,

Today, April 19, 2026, at 4:00 AM, before sunrise on the 3rd Sunday of Easter, from the community of Sanfré, Jesus Master called our sister to the eternal wedding feast

SR. M. IOLANDA – ANGELA PRONTI
born on October 7, 1927, in S. Martino dei Mulini - Rimini (Italy).

Little Angela received the gift of Baptism on the day after her birth and was raised in a Christian family.

On September 29, 1939, at the threshold of adolescence, she was accepted into the Congregation in Alba (CN) where she completed the initial formation under the maternal care of the sisters and the paternal care and attention to detail characteristic of Blessed Timothy Giaccardo, toward whom she cultivated filial gratitude and devotion. Alba, as *Casa Madre [Mother House]*, held a special place in her heart throughout her life. Upon completion of the year of Novitiate, it was precisely in Alba that she made her religious profession on March 25, 1946, and the perpetual profession on March 25, 1951, on the Solemnity of Easter Sunday.

Following the profession, in 1946, she was first sent to Mondovì and then to Milan (Tullio Morgagni) for the diffusion of the good press. In 1947, she was called to Rome, to the community at the Pauline seminary, to collaborate in retouching and as sacristan. An intelligent, capable and precise person, she remained there until 1954.

After giving her collaboration in the Liturgical Apostolate Center in Bologna for some months, obedience called her to Rome, in Via Portuense, which was also the General House at that time. She remained there until December of 1960, offering her contribution first at the Vatican souvenir shops and then as portress.

Sent once again to the Liturgical Apostolate Center in Bologna, she remained there until March 11, 1967. From there she was transferred to Cinisello Balsamo where she offered her service as sacristan, portress, and as Local Councilor.

From Cinisello, she was transferred to Milan RA, on July 23, 1983, as a collaborator in the Liturgical Apostolate Center. Sr. M. Iolanda, profoundly identified with the vocation and mission of the Sister Disciple, was a gift for the Congregation, for the Church, and for



the many persons she encountered and served in her ministry as “centrist”, especially for the priests.

She exercised this ministry for as long as her health permitted. In fact, on May 14, 2006, she was accompanied in her return to Cinisello, which, in the meantime, had become a house of hospitality for the Sister Disciples who were elderly and in need of care.

In the apostolic zeal that had always accompanied her, Sr. M. Iolanda sought daily to arrive punctually at the store to offer her contribution in the small services that the sisters lovingly reserved for her.

In the mystery and treasure of every human life, she also was visited by physical and moral suffering, especially that caused by Parkinson’s Disease. This illness is a chronic and progressive neurodegenerative disease that affects the central nervous system, damaging the capability of movement, balance and cognitive functions.

In 2023, when she was transported from SRL in Cinisello to Sanfrè, her health was already seriously compromised. The sisters of the community testify that Sr. M. Iolanda, though unable to speak, showed her acceptance and gratitude for the attention of those who cared for her. We thank everyone from our hearts.

The lively sense of belonging to the Congregation, within the Pauline Family, was expressed clearly by Sr. M. Iolanda in a written text, dated October 26, 2006, that she also wished to have shared with her family. She wrote: «Upon my death, I want to be brought to the cemetery in Alba, the city that received me from the time I was 11 years of age. I preface my apologies, but for me it is the city – Casa Madre – that saw me grow (...) with all of the impulse of donation and great love. I am certain that I will be heard...with the promise, from this day on, of prayer and gratitude before the Lord, especially when I will be in his embrace. I trust that he will receive me, despite my weakness».

We give thanks to God for you, dear sister, marked by the seal of the Spirit since Baptism. We entrust you to the crucified and risen Lord, with whom you crossed the threshold of death on this Sunday. Intercede for us and rest in peace.

Rome, April 19, 2026



Sr. M. Regina Cesarato