



Dearest sisters,

In the silence of the night, around two o'clock this morning, in the "Giacomo Alberione" community of Albano, our merciful Father called to himself our sister:

**CHIONNA VINCENZA sr M. LUCIS**  
**born in Mesagne (Brindisi) on April 23, 1926**

Sr. M. Lucis was a kind and simple sister who passed among us doing good, radiating the light of peace, serenity, and much love. She entered the congregation in the house of Bari on January 12, 1948, at the age of twenty-two, leading the way for her younger sister, Sr. Carmela. From the early days of her formation, Sr. M. Lucis showed herself to be a mature and responsible person, ready and available to dedicate herself to any task at the service of the community.

After postulancy and a brief period of apostolic experience in Lecce, she was admitted to the novitiate in 1950. She made her first profession of vows on March 19, 1951, in Rome, on the solemnity of Saint Joseph. During her juniorate, Sr. M. Lucis was a cook for our large Roman community. In 1957, she was assigned to the branch house of Novara and subsequently those of Ravenna and Taranto to carry out the book center apostolate.

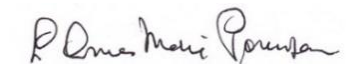
In 1969, in response to a circular letter from the provincial superior, she wrote: "I have no real problems. I am content, indeed happy, for all the efforts that our congregation is making. I warmly thank all the 'Maestre' [superiors] for trusting us. I have no other desire than to be always available and a more productive member daily. I pray that none of us will ever betray your trust and that we all help each other fulfill the mandate of the Church in unity and charity."

In 1971, she was appointed superior of the community of Bari. After a brief time in Naples Capodimonte, she was again appointed the local superior in Reggio Calabria and Rimini.

After some time in Naples (via Duomo) helping the sisters in various ways, Sr. M. Lucis was transferred to the Mother House in Alba in 1990, where she gave her all as a cook and vice superior. In 2000, she returned for the third time to Taranto, a community she loved very much, and because of her good memory, she was considered *the keeper* of the community's history. Sr. M. Lucis dedicated herself to cooking with love and responsibility despite her age and physical problems. She was truly *a pillar* of the community, not only due to her hard work but also the many hours she spent before her Lord, offering herself as a sacrifice so the Pauline mission would be fruitful.

In 2009, Sr. M. Lucis was welcomed to the Tecla Merlo community of Albano because she began to show signs of Alzheimer's disease. With her gentle smile, she helped the cooks by peeling apples and potatoes. In 2015, she was transferred to the nearby Giacomo Alberione community due to her worsening physical condition; Alzheimer's had made her body rigid and forced her into silence. Though her voice had not been heard for many years, she now entered a silence filled with so much goodness that it united her more intimately with the silence of her Master and Lord. We think of her now in the great silence of spousal intimacy, communion, and waiting for the resurrection.

With affection,



Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan

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