



*"Faith in the resurrection
opens up fraternal communion
beyond the threshold of death ...".
(RoL 24)*



Today, 15 July 2026, at 11.40 am (local time)
in the community of Mother House-Albano L., our sister

FILOMENA Sr M. LORENZA COI

Has parted this earthly life.

She was 88 years old and 64 of religious life.

Today, the Good Shepherd called Sister Lorenza to Himself on the day when the liturgy proclaims Jesus' hymn of praise to the Father: **"I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned and revealed them to little ones"** (Mt 11:25). And now, among the host of the simple and the poor who make the Lord rejoice, there is Sister Lorenza, who welcomed the Word of God with simplicity of heart throughout her life, to share it with others.

Filomena was born on 11 February 1938, in Orani, in the Province of Nuoro, Sardinia, and was baptized on 17 February of the same year in the parish of Sant'Andrea Apostolo, in her hometown. She entered the Congregation on 23 June 1958, in Albano Laziale - Mother House, following her sister, Sister Rosalia, who had entered a few months earlier. She began her novitiate on 2 September 1960, at the Albano Laziale Mother House and made her first profession on 3 September 1961, taking the name Sr Maria Lorenza. On 3 September 1966, she made her perpetual profession, also at the Albano Laziale Mother House.

After her first profession, she was sent to Saliceto in the province of Cuneo, as a kindergarten teacher; in 1966, she continued with the same commitment in Sestri Levante (GE) and later (1969) in Sedilo (OR). In 1974, she returned to the Albano Laziale Motherhouse for a period of studies.

Sr M Lorenza is described as a sociable, if somewhat shy person, gifted with practical intelligence and profound and fervent piety. She loved prayer, community life, work, and poverty; she was generous and dedicated herself to the apostolate with commitment, love, and joy.

Sr. M. Lorenza carried out her pastoral ministry primarily as a kindergarten teacher—an apostolate she particularly loved—and in family and youth ministry. She also served as superior in several communities: Sant'Egidio (PG) in 1976; in 1985, she returned to Sardinia, first to the community of Oristano until 1998 and then to Samassi until 2018.

Toward the end of 2018, due to her frail health, she was welcomed to the Mother House in Albano Laziale to receive the necessary care.

We thank the sisters and external staff who cared for Sr Lorenza with sisterly love and tenderness during her illness.

The Sisters testify: *I knew Sr Lorenza during her apostolate in Sedilo as a strong woman, of few words and many deeds, very reserved but determined in her work.*

In her illness, she knew how to combine pain with acceptance, without complaining but silently offering herself to the Lord. Thank you, Sister Lorenza, for your life lessons.

Dearest Sister Lorenza, as we give thanks for the gift of your life and vocation as a Pastorella, we entrust you to the Father's mercy and ask you to intercede for the gift of Peace in the world.

Sr Lucia Piai

Vicar General

Rome, 15 July 2026

Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church