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## **Sister Lucia Minonne, MPF**



✠ **Andrano, LE**

**October 28, 1937**

✠ **Rome**

**July 8, 2025**

Sister Lucia Minonne, born in Andrano (LE) on October 28, 1937, entered the Pontifical Institute of the Maestre Pie Filippini on September 17, 1955, received the religious habit on August 30, 1956, and made her Perpetual Oblation on August 30, 1959. Her life choice attracted her two sisters who joined her in the Institute: Sister Maria and Sister Pasqualina.

Sister Lucia carried out her mission as a Religious Teacher in a wide variety of settings, in Italy and abroad.

At the beginning of her consecrated life, only a few months after her Perpetual Oblation, Sister Lucia and a group of other sisters were sent to the United States, where, after completing her studies, she dedicated herself to teaching, first in preschool and then in the elementary school.

The Lord, however, had other plans for Sister Lucia. She was one among the sisters, sent on behalf of the Institute to open the mission in Adigrat, Ethiopia. A photo from that time shows Sister Lucia with a newborn baby girl in her arms, an orphan. The first commitment the community assumed in Adigrat was precisely that of standing beside the little ones, welcoming the poor, and protecting women, who were especially in need of help, assistance, and education.

Sister Lucia, overcoming difficulties of language, culture, and customs, was able to fully and constructively integrate into the Ethiopian reality, so much so that even today, years later, she is remembered there with affection and gratitude.

Called back to Italy for a while, she was in charge of caring for the sick sisters, and upon her return to the United States, she was entrusted with the same task. Later, Sister Lucia was appointed Superior of a local community and worked in parish ministry and in the nursery school.

Upon Sister Lucia's permanent return to Italy, she spent time in various communities: Vitulano, Scandriglia, Corese Terra, Terracina, and Rome-Via dell' Orso. Her final home was "Volto Santo" where she devoted herself entirely to the service of the elderly and sick sisters. She attended to the sick sisters with care and kindness, and did everything she could to alleviate the suffering their situation inevitably entailed.

Sister Lucia was serene and lively, welcoming, open, and respectful to everyone. She willingly shared the story of her long and varied experiences, always grateful to the Lord for the trust He had placed in her and which she had tried to reciprocate in the best way possible by offering her strength and knowledge. She attended to the sick sisters with care and kindness, and did everything she could to alleviate the suffering their situation inevitably entailed.

After a long illness that severely weakened Sister Lucia, on July 8, 2025, she completed her earthly journey. The Lord welcomed her into His Home to bestow upon her the crown of glory, so well deserved.

Sister Lucia Minonne's mortal remains rest in the Institute's tomb in the cemetery of Nettuno RM.



## Sister Gloria Caglioti, MPF

✿ Dunmore, Pennsylvania      March 31, 1930  
✝ Morristown, NJ                      July 25, 2025

Sister Gloria Caglioti died peacefully on July 25, 2025, at Saint Joseph Health Care Center, Villa Walsh, Morristown, New Jersey. She was 95 years of age.

The youngest of four children, Sister Gloria was born to Anthony and Theresa (Roberto) Caglioti in Dunmore, Pennsylvania, on March 31, 1930. Sister Gloria entered the Religious Teachers Filippini on August 30, 1942. She received the religious habit on June 30, 1946, and made her Oblation on September 11, 1949.

Sister Gloria earned her BA in Music from the College of Saint Elizabeth, Convent Station, New Jersey, and her MA in Music from Marywood College, Scranton, Pennsylvania.

In her 79 years of religious life, Sister Gloria was a dedicated classroom teacher, a gifted musical director of concerts and plays, a church organist, and a school Principal. She generously served in the (arch) dioceses of Metuchen, Newark, Paterson, Scranton, and Trenton. In 2013, due to declining health, Sister Gloria transitioned to the motherhouse at Villa Walsh. Four years later, Sister Gloria required the services offered at Saint Joseph Hall Infirmary. Her final years consisted of patient, silent suffering. No matter the circumstances, Sister Gloria radiated a joyful spirit and peaceful aura.

The Mass of Christian Burial for Sister Gloria was held in Saint Lucy Chapel at Villa Walsh on Wednesday, July 30, 2025.

In her remarks, Sister Josephine Palmeri, who lived in the same hometown, shared the following: *“Mrs. Caglioti had two sons and one daughter. The little daughter died young. “Mrs. Caglioti made a promise that if God would send her another little girl, she would dedicate her to the Blessed Mother, dress her in blue and white for seven years, and Our Lady could have her for the convent, but...the desire to be a Sister would have to come from the daughter. Mrs. Caglioti said she would not put the idea in the child’s mind.” Gloria arrived and was a beautiful and healthy little girl.”*

In her letter of sympathy to the Sisters of the Province of Saint Lucy, Sister Ascenza Tizzano, General Superior, shared, *“Sister Gloria possessed qualities that made living in community with her a true joy. She was gentle, pleasant, and radiated a childlike innocence, a woman without guile. Her love for prayer, especially her devotion to our Blessed Mother, was deeply evident. She also had a ready appreciation for smiles and laughter, which endeared her to those she shared with in community and mission. ... Most of us will remember Sister Gloria for her musical capabilities. ... Sister Gloria is best remembered for her annual performances at the War Memorial Hall in Trenton, New Jersey, where Villa Victoria Academy held its highly anticipated concert each year. Part One of the splendid program always began with the Grammar School choir, directed by Sister Gloria, and continued with a magnificent performance by the high school chorus under the direction of Sister Elizabeth Parente. These concerts radiated energy, talent, and, at that time, truly were the highlight of our spring season. Filippini Schools from near and far gathered in support, and the entire community celebrated the extraordinary contributions of these two gifted musical directors. ... In later years, Sister Gloria was assigned to other schools, places where her performances lacked the lights, sound system, ambience, and grandeur of the War Memorial stage. Yet, Sister Gloria brought the same passion, energy, and love to every place she was assigned. ... Sister Gloria’s dedication ensured that all her students gained both the skills and the confidence to express themselves with grace and reverence, whether in front of a large audience or a small congregation. May Sister Gloria’s legacy live on in the children’s voices she helped develop, and in the lives she touched with her encouragement. ... Rest in peace, dear Sister Gloria!”*

Sister Gloria Caglioti’s mortal remains rest in Ave Maria Cemetery at Villa Walsh.



## Sister Patricia Dunham, MPF

✿ Newport News, Virginia

July 12, 1949

✚ Medical Center, Morristown

August 29, 2025

Sister Patricia Dunham, MPF, went home to the Lord on Friday, August 29, 2025, at Morristown Medical Center in Morristown, New Jersey. She was 76 years of age.

Born in Newport News, Virginia, on July 12, 1949, Sister Patricia was raised in West Orange, New Jersey. She entered the Religious Teachers Filippini on September 9, 1967. Sister Patricia received the religious habit on August 17, 1968, and made her Perpetual Oblation on June 2, 1974. Sister Patricia attended Seton Hall University at both the undergraduate and graduate levels, earning a BS degree in Elementary Education, and an MA degree in Administration and Supervision.

Throughout her 57 years of religious life, Sister Patricia offered generous service, ministering in the (arch)dioceses of Brooklyn, Metuchen, Newark, Paterson, and Pittsburgh. In these locations, she either served as a classroom teacher, Principal, or parish Director of Religious Education. In addition, Sister Patricia faithfully ministered as Director of Special Projects at Immaculate Conception Seminary at Seton Hall University, South Orange, New Jersey. For a number of years, Sister Patricia dealt with several health issues, yet she persevered in the mission entrusted to her, including serving as local convent Superior.

The Mass of Christian Burial for Sister Patricia was held in Saint Lucy Chapel at Villa Walsh on Thursday, September 4, 2025. Monsignor Robert F. Coleman, a retired priest of the Archdiocese of Newark, and a dear friend of Sister Patricia's was the principal celebrant. The Most Reverend Manuel A. Cruz, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Newark, presided at the Liturgy and was concelebrated by a number of priests.

In his homily, Monsignor Coleman remarked, *the mystery of faith deeply affects every aspect of our lives. ... It is our faith in God that makes us able to accept and understand the joys and sorrows, the wins and losses of every day. It is our faith that makes us able to find their meaning and purpose. It is our faith that helps us to accept suffering and death when it comes for those we love and eventually for ourselves. It is this same faith, this same trust, this same abiding belief, that gave Sister Patricia the ability to look life so squarely in the eye, and never to be overcome by fear, frustration or suffering.* In the book "Introduction to Catholic Theology", by Joseph Ratzinger, the late Pope Benedict XVI, he wrote, *On the cross, Jesus teaches us that our vocation is fulfilled by acceptance rather than by accomplishment.* Sister Patricia chose to have these words printed on her prayer card and Mass booklet. Monsignor Coleman continued: *Pope Benedict XVI reminded us that all our efforts to achieve and all our strivings to accomplish amount to nothing without the grace of Jesus Christ and the goodness of our heavenly Father and the nourishing light of the Holy Spirit. Let us now place Sister Patricia into the loving care of the God whom she loved so well, so that the Lord will cleanse her of her sins and bring Sister Patricia to His heavenly kingdom of peace and light where there is no more sorrow, no more pain and no more tears... Come bride of Christ, receive the crown, which the Lord has prepared for you for all eternity.*

Sister Ascenza Tizzano, General Superior, in her letter of sympathy to the Province of Saint Lucy wrote, *Sister Patricia truly loved life and fought hard with determination to maintain a balance. Even as she endured illness, rather early in her religious life, she remained resilient...Sister Patricia always carried herself with remarkable strength and courage. She seemed to know how to meet each challenge with acceptance and was faithful to her apostolate... Her passion for God's gift of nature was often fulfilled by a drive and stay at the shore area, where she experienced solace and relaxation...especially*

*when illness competed with her work, prayer, and pleasure. It helped energize her to continue the journey. Today, we ask the Lord to receive and welcome her into eternal life, to the heavenly banquet. May the Lord reward her for all that she has given, suffered, and accepted with grace and in Jesus' name. May she find her place among the blessed who have served the Lord faithfully.*

Sister Patricia Dunham's body was laid to rest in Ave Maria Cemetery at Villa Walsh.



### **Sister Annunziata Petroni, MPF**



✻ **Latera VT**  
✝ **Rome**

**April 14, 1938**  
**October 8, 2025**

Sister Annunziata Petroni was born in Latera, Viterbo, on April 14, 1938, to Vincenzo and Isabella Canepuccia. She entered the Diocesan Institute of the Maestre Pie Filippini of Montefiascone on November 25, 1950. Bishop Luigi Boccadoro accepted her Oblation on November 11, 1956. Sister Maria Valenti was the Motherhouse Superior at the time.

Lively, intelligent, and a lover of music and singing, Sister Annunziata guided the adult formation sessions, catechism classes, and liturgies for children and young people, both at school and in the parish. She made these sessions both enjoyable and enriching, a legacy that she leaves behind.

After earning a diploma in elementary school teaching, and a degree in Catholic religion in middle and high schools, she served in various locations: Roccaporena di Cascia and Bagni di Perugia, in Bassano Romano and Capranica, and in various localities within these Dioceses: Piansano, Valentano Villa Fontane, Onano, and Grotte di Castro.

When the Institute needed Sister Annunziata's presence in Montefiascone, she served as a teacher in some classes of the private elementary school, but for many years she taught Catholic religion at the A. Manzoni State Middle School, in the Church Technical and Commercial High School, and in the Cardinal Barbarigo Communications High School. In 2003, Sister Annunziata participated in a weekly meeting with the inmates at the Mamma Gialla prison in Viterbo.

Many remember Sister Annunziata fondly for her preparation and good example, especially those people of the parish of Santa Margherita and San Giuseppe in Montefiascone, where she was present and active for many years.

When Sister Annunziata's health weakened, she confidently and willingly accepted a transfer to Rome, to "Volto Santo" the Sacred Heart Province Infirmary. Together with the other sisters who, like her, were advanced in age and required healthcare, Sister Annunziata spent her final years. With her ever-smiling face, she continued to show kindness, gratitude, and patience.

Sister Annunziata passed away peacefully in the early afternoon of October 8, 2025, accompanied in prayer by the sisters who were at her side.

Sister Annunziata Petroni's mortal remains rest in the Institute's tomb in the Montefiascone cemetery.

## Sister Italia Marino, MPF

✿ Castelfranci AV      January 7, 1947  
✝ Rome                      October 22, 2025



Sister Italia Marino, born in Castelfranci, Avellino, on January 7, 1947, entered the Pontifical Institute of the Maestre Pie Filippini on November 5, 1963, received the religious habit on August 29, 1965, made her Temporary Oblation on August 27, 1967, and her Perpetual Oblation on April 3, 1972.

Sister Italia exercised her apostolate in Frascati, Tarquinia, Scandriglia, Sulmona, and Terracina, where she also served as local Superior. Wherever she was sent in the name of obedience, she dedicated herself entirely, especially as a preschool and primary school teacher.

Possessing a very sensitive nature, Sister Italia strove to participate in creating a peaceful environment. In school, she was active, enterprising, and well-prepared. She was demanding and wanted her students to succeed and recognize and utilize their gifts. Her classroom was artistically decorated and always tidy. In preparation for the Christmas festivities, with enthusiasm and meticulous attention to detail, she spent countless hours creating the nativity scene for the entire school.

Sister Italia cared about the well-being of the religious and school communities where she served. In Tarquinia, when the number of students began to decline, she personally approached families to encourage them to enroll their children in the Santa Lucia School. She always reminded everyone that the school must be alive and active in Tarquinia, because the Holy Teacher was born there.

During the difficult period that struck the entire world with the Covid pandemic, Sister Italia was seriously affected, and she never fully recovered from that experience. Two years ago, when her strength had completely diminished, she was transferred to the Volto Santo. Her health condition varied, until October 22, 2025, when she completed her earthly pilgrimage and went to meet the Spouse she had embraced for 60 years.

Sister Italia Marino's mortal body rests in the family tomb in Castelfranci Avellino, her native town.

A student from Terracina shared these sentiments:

*"We fondly remember our dear Sister Italia for all her work in the Terracina community. Back in the 1980s, she was a teacher in our school and a catechist in the Parish of San Silvano and in the Cathedral of San Cesareo. After several transfers, just two years ago, she returned to our Terracina, but unfortunately, only for a short time due to her frailty. We remember her with great affection. She carried out her mission among us with love and dedication and was always highly appreciated for her precise and tireless approach. Her students will always remember her as the best teacher. We send her our regards and, in our prayers for her, ask that she may enjoy eternal life in heaven."*





## Sister Dolores Toscano, MPF

✿ Jersey City, NJ

August 5, 1926

✙ Morristown, NJ

November 16, 2025

Sister Dolores Toscano, passed away peacefully on Sunday, November 16, 2025, at Saint Joseph Health Care Center, Villa Walsh, Morristown, New Jersey. She was 99 years of age.

Born on August 5, 1926, a native of Jersey City, New Jersey, Sister Dolores entered the Religious Teachers Filippini June 30, 1940. She received the religious habit on June 18, 1944 and made her Perpetual Oblation on August 31, 1947. Sister Dolores earned her B.S. in Elementary Education from the College of Saint Elizabeth in Convent Station, New Jersey.

Throughout her many years in ministry, Sister Dolores made ongoing formation a priority. She attended numerous conferences and workshops. After teaching for 38 years, Sister Dolores shifted her focus from the young to the young-at-heart. She attended workshops on Gerontology and received Pastoral Training for Ministry with the Elderly. In November 2016, at the conclusion of the Jubilee Year of Mercy, Bishop James F. Checchio of Metuchen presented Sister Dolores with the “*Disciple of Mercy Award*” to give recognition to the Lord’s “steadfast love and mercy” (Psalm 103:4) operating regularly in her life, a life which served as a beacon of hope to others. In her 81 years of religious life, Sister Dolores served as a classroom teacher, catechist, and pastoral minister. She faithfully served in the (arch)dioceses of Arlington, Baltimore, Bridgeport, Hartford, Metuchen, Newark, and Trenton. In addition, Sister Dolores was appointed local convent Superior. In 2023, Sister Dolores returned to the motherhouse, Villa Walsh, and a few months later took up residence in Saint Joseph Hall. She remained active, interested, and engaged with others up to the time of her passing.

The Most Reverend Arthur J. Serratelli, Bishop Emeritus of Paterson, was the principal celebrant of the Mass of Christian Burial for Sister Dolores. The Mass was offered in St. Lucy Chapel, Villa Walsh on Thursday, November 20, 2025.

Sister Ascenza Tizzano, General Superior, in her letter of sympathy to the Sisters of the Province of Saint Lucy wrote, “*Sister Dolores started her first Mission as a teacher. She treasured this fruitful part of her Mission, which often gets lost because of the enthusiasm she exerted in her pastoral work. Wherever she was missioned, she left an indelible mark: a strong presence with an energetic spirit. A woman blessed with so many gifts: a teacher, a catechist, pastoral minister, sewer, cook, baker, and even more, she used these gifts as an expression of her love for the Mission entrusted to her and her love for the Community and the people she served. What I most appreciated about Sister Dolores was the inclusiveness of her generosity. Everyone was included: Her Bishop, Superiors, the residents she visited at Saint Joseph Hall every week for so many years, and those she saw daily in the nursing homes in Saint Ann’s Raritan. Everyone was treated with the same devotion, attentiveness, and joy. She delighted in bringing happiness to others, and as a true Italian at heart, sharing food was one way to express this joy. ... With grateful hearts, let us together pray that Sister Dolores may have a place at Heaven’s banquet table, where she may enjoy the fruits of her labor.*”

In her tribute, Sister Barbara O’Kane, a good friend of Sister Dolores, reflected on the love Sister Dolores had for the Three Wise Men who traveled far, and with great determination, to bring their gifts to Jesus, the newborn King of the Jews. Sister Barbara concluded her tribute with these words, “*They are grouped together as the ‘Three Wise Men’ and their individual names are sometimes unknown or hard to remember. Sister Dolores was one of a kind, unique. We are honored to have a*

*saint among us and to know her. Her name and her life will never be forgotten. She not only gave homage to Jesus throughout her 81 years in religious life and ministry, but she brought countless others to do the same. And just as the Wise Men were blessed by Jesus, so now Jesus blesses Sister Dolores for her perseverance, dedication, faith, hope, love, and selfless service in His name, and in the work of saving souls. She loved the Three Kings. Now she can rest in the loving presence of Jesus, the King of Kings, forever.”*

Sister Dolores Toscano’s mortal body was laid to rest in Ave Maria Cemetery at Villa Walsh.



### **Sister Geraldine Canale, MPF**



✻ **Watertown, New York**  
✚ **Morristown, NJ**

**October 3, 1933**  
**November 20, 2025**

Sister Geraldine Canale, 92, passed away peacefully on Thursday, November 20, 2025, at Saint Joseph Health Care Center, Villa Walsh, Morristown, New Jersey.

Born in Watertown, New York, into a large and loving family on October 3, 1933, Sister Geraldine entered the Religious Teachers Filippini on June 23, 1949. She received the religious habit on September 3, 1950, and made her Perpetual Oblation on August 17, 1953. Sister Geraldine earned her B.S. in Elementary Education and her M.A. in Education from Seton Hall University, South Orange, New Jersey.

In her 75 years of religious life, Sister Geraldine served as a classroom teacher of the primary grades, special education, classroom aide, catechist, and parish pastoral minister. She faithfully served in the (arch)dioceses of Brooklyn, Camden, Newark, New York, Ogdensburg, Paterson, Scranton, and Trenton. In addition, Sister Geraldine was appointed local convent superior.

In the Diocese of Camden, Sister Geraldine was assigned to Saint Joseph Parish and School in Hammonton, New Jersey, three different times. She taught in the school and generously served as the parish pastoral minister. Due to declining health, Sister Geraldine returned to the motherhouse, Villa Walsh, in 2020, taking up residence in Saint Joseph Hall, where she continued to bring life and joy to her fellow Sisters.

The Mass of Christian Burial for Sister Geraldine was held in Saint Lucy Chapel at Villa Walsh on Monday, November 24, 2025.

In his homily, the Most Reverend Arthur J. Serratelli, Bishop Emeritus of Paterson, remarked, “*At a young age of 16, Sister Geraldine chose to leave behind anything that could separate her from God by becoming a religious and living the evangelical counsels. For 75 years a Religious Teacher Filippini, she knew the closeness of God in her prayer and in her apostolic works. As a teacher, a catechist, a pastoral minister, as she brought others in eight dioceses close to God through her instruction and her example, she herself felt his presence in her life. And it was that presence of God*

*that filled her with joy, a contagious joy that overflowed in her sense of humor and laughter. Those who knew her can never forget her kindness that brightened their days and all the good she did.”*

Sister Ascenza Tizzano, General Superior, in her letter of sympathy to the Sisters of the Province noted: *“Sister Geraldine’s many years teaching first grade opened another chapter of her life and the experiences she shared. Because of her involvement and success with little children, she was asked to further her studies and was sent for professional training at Saint Coletta’s in Wisconsin to assist children with special needs. Through all of these experiences, she touched the lives of countless children with warmth and a joyful spirit. She could captivate an audience, small or large, when she shared these teaching experiences! Her storytelling was a natural gift. ...*

*The second part of her ministerial life, very different from her early years in the classroom, was dedicated to reaching out to the homebound and the elderly. Sister Geraldine joyfully visited them, gathering gifts for them, especially during the festive seasons of the year, running errands, and attending to the practical needs that eased their daily burdens. Free-spirited by nature, ... Sister Geraldine found deep satisfaction each day knowing she had made a meaningful difference in the lives of the sick and the elderly. Ever attentive to their spiritual well-being, she faithfully notified the parish priest when someone was nearing the end of life, ensuring they received the sacraments. After their passing, she continued to accompany the families, assisting with preparations for the Mass of Christian Burial and being present with them on the day of the funeral. This ministry, offered with compassion and devotion, brought Sister Geraldine the fulfillment she sought at this time in her life.*

*We can take comfort in believing that Our Lady, who received such devoted love from Sister Geraldine, was very near to her at the moment of her passing. ... now may heaven, too, rejoice in her cheerful presence, and may she rest in the lasting peace she sought throughout her years of faithful service.”*

Sister Geraldine Canale’s mortal remains were interred in Ave Maria Cemetery at Villa Walsh.



### **Sister Incoronata Melucci, MPF**

✻ **Muro Lucano, Piacenza**

**April 1, 1938**

✠ **Rome**

**December 5, 2025**



Sister Incoronata Melucci was born into a simple, hardworking family in Muro Lucano (PZ) on April 1, 1938. She is the last of ten children.

Through her sister, Maestra Pia, Sister Carmela, a missionary sent to the United States, she learned about the Pontifical Institute of the Maestre Pie Filippini and entered the Institute on August 18, 1965. On August 28, 1966, she received the religious habit, made her Temporary Oblation on August 27, 1967, and her Perpetual Oblation on August 18, 1973.

Sister Incoronata ministered in Rome-Via Sangemini, Frascati (RM), Tarquinia (VT), L'Aquila, Castelgandolfo (RM), Cagliari, Scurcola Marsicana (AQ), Anzio (RM), Limena (PD), Pescara, and

Trevi (PG). Her apostolate began as a teacher in the nursery school, she was an assistant to the university students' group, and a parish catechist. She also served as a local Superior.

Sister Inconata was a caring educator, attentive to her students' independence and also to their growth as serene, sociable, and respectful children. With families, she was always collaborative and understanding of the difficulties they sometimes faced, ready to listen to them and offer valuable suggestions.

Devoted and diligent, she was involved in parish catechesis, led prayer, provided entertainment through singing, and promoted every initiative aimed at improving both methods and content. Sister Inconata was particularly sensitive to those in need: She reached out to the poor, willingly distributing whatever she could.

In the community, Sister Inconata was available for collaboration and fraternal help to the needs that arose, open to dialogue and discussion, and always sought to explore topics in depth according to the criteria of the Gospel. She devoted much time to personal prayer, even more so when she retired from her activities for health reasons and was transferred to Volto Santo. While at Volto Santo, unable to perform any other duties other than welcoming people at the reception desk, she tried to do so as best she could, always being kind and hospitable to whoever came to the door or needed assistance.

Declining health forced Sister Inconata to undergo several hospital stays, which she accepted and tried to endure with patience. She spent her last days recollected, serene, lovingly cared for by the sisters in the community.

The Lord called her into His Kingdom of infinite peace on the night of December 5, 2025.

Sister Inconata Melucci's mortal remains rest in the Institute's tomb in the cemetery of Nettuno, Rome.



