

Saint Sister Vincenza Gerosa, SC (1784 - 1847 AD)

https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=2013

Saint Sister Bartolomea Capitanio, SC (1807 - 1833 AD)

<https://www.suoredimariabambina.org/bartolomea-capitanio-a-life-dedicated-to-charity/>



foundresses of The Sisters of Charity

love of GOD can not be separated from love of neighbor

"Vincenza was born in 1784 to a well-off Italian family. When she was seventeen, her father died, and she saw her uncles push her mother out of the family home.

During this time of interior suffering, she began to practice charitable works, especially nursing the sick. Eventually, she founded a hospital. At the age of thirty-nine, Vincenza met sixteen-year-old Bartolomea.

Bartolomea had suffered under an alcoholic father before being sent to a Convent school. She had since made a perpetual vow of chastity and began a school for poor girls. Despite the age gap, the women formed a close bond. Around 1832, they founded the Sisters of Charity... [in] Lovere [France], GOD's Merciful witnesses in the area of nursing and education.

Bartolomea composed a rule based "on the rules and example left to us by our Redeemer." Only six months later, Bartolomea fell gravely ill of tuberculosis and died.

On her own, Vincenza assumed the work of building and spreading the charism of the Order. When she died - after a long illness - there were 17 Sisters. Today they have a presence on five continents.

Vincenza taught, "He who has not learned what The Crucifix means knows nothing, and he who knows His Crucifix has nothing more to learn."

Merciful Father, through the intercession of Saints Vincenza Gerosa and Bartolomea Capitanio, give me a heart that seeks union with the poor and the sick." * AMEN.

JAMES 2:14-20

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Snf1FiBSLvY>

14 What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him?

15 If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food,

16 And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?

17 Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.

18 Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.

19 Thou believest that there is One GOD; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.

20 But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?

Catechism of The Catholic Church # 2447, "Works of Mercy"

<http://sccborromeo.org/ccc/para/2447.htm>

"The works of Mercy are charitable actions by which we come to the aid of our neighbor in his spiritual and bodily necessities.

Instructing, advising, consoling, comforting are spiritual works of Mercy, as are forgiving and bearing wrongs patiently.

The corporal works of Mercy consist especially in feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and imprisoned, and burying the dead.

Among all these, giving alms to the poor is one of the chief witnesses to fraternal charity: it is also a work of justice pleasing to GOD..."

*[Saint Vincenza Gerosa & Saint Bartolomea Capitanio." The Magnificat, 11/07/2021. Saints Who Worked Together, p 94.]