

**THEY HAVE WRITTEN...**  
**FOR GRACES RECEIVED**

Rev. Canossian Sisters,

Recently I chanced upon a picture of Mother Fernanda Riva and I began to pray to her.



I needed her intercession as my sister had heavy problems related to her head.

She is well now, having only to go for check-ups every six months and so for the moment, there is nothing serious.

I too was operated for my carotid artery and it went well.

We thought to let you know so that you can also thank her for us.

Affectionately.

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Those who are in need of graces and favours are invited to invoke the intercession of the **VENERABLE M. FERNANDA RIVA**. When a **MIRACLE** is obtained through her intercession, it will give us the joy of seeing her raised to the altar of sanctity.

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# NEWS LETTER

**Venerable Fernanda Riva**

**IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS**



*“The love of Mary was constant in the suffering of her Son Jesus, even to agonizing at the foot of the Cross, yet always undaunted.*

*As such, every Daughter of Charity must be strong and constant in imitating her, even at the cost of her life.”*



Venerable **Mother Fernanda** lived fully this charismatic counsel of our Holy Foundress: *she lived all the virtues to a heroic degree and died at the young age of 35.*



## Some brief points on her devotion to Mary

### 1. CHILDLIKE CONFIDENCE:

*"I began the Retreat under the protection of Mary most Holy, my sweetest Mother."*



### 2. ENLIGHTENED TRUST:

*"What will I do if aridity and desolation of spirit were to overwhelm my soul?  
I believe that under such conditions, if I am unable to pray as before, I would go to the most Holy Virgin, uniting myself to her with such intimacy as never before."*



### 3. MARIAN APOSTOLATE:

As teacher, Mother Fernanda made known to her students the Lady who was  
*"All pure – and all beautiful!"*

## Her Religious life was one decisive and unstoppable ascent to holiness

*"Holiness is love and also a combat  
and thus requires a battle plan",*

As MOTHER FERNANDA RIVA describes in the following lines:

- + **RESIST** the unreasonable demands of nature;
- + **RESIST** the desire for esteem;
- + **RESIST** the thirst for useless knowledge;
- + **RESIST** the sentimentalism of the heart;



- + **RESIST** the eagerness to know what the latest news is;
- + **A SAINT IS A PERSON WHO IS DETERMINED TO BECOME SUCH!"**.



*"Mother Fernanda fasted on all Saturdays  
in honour of Mary and  
we Novices never noticed it!"*