

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.

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.

If you receive a grace please, inform the:
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DAUGHTERS OF CHARITY-SERVANTS OF THE POOR
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N E W S L E T T E R

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!”*