



The mother of saint Victor

A woman for life, freedom and charity.

Her origins

Sister Enrichetta Alfieri -Maria Angela Domenica -was born in Borgo Verceil, in Italy, on the 23^r
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February ,1891, by John and Rose Compagnone. She is their first daughter who will be followed by another two sisters Angela and Adele and a brother Charles.

Maria is carefully educated by her deeply christian parents; she lives her childhood by attending an elementary school ; during her adolescence she spends her time doing either housework or working in the fields, as it was common in those days ; besides she becomes an expert in art and embroidery ; thus she forms a character which is at once gentle and strong.

When she was about 17 years old, she thinks of religious life but her parents invite her to reflect and to wait. These years strengthen her decision to give herself totally to God.

On the 2nd December, 1911, the twenty year old Maria, enters as postulant in the Congregation of the Sisters of Charity in the Monastery «Santa Margherita» in Vercelli.

The Superiors see in Sr.Enrichetta a strong inclination to education : on the 12th July1917, she receives the Authorisation Diploma in Elementary School Teaching.





Borgomanero, Italy: The Church of San Vito. Family Alfieri, Borgomanero, Italy, 1880s





Maria Angela Demeria Alfieri - The community in the priory of Saint Victoria in Milan, ca. 1900





in front of the tomb of the Virgin Mary in the church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem. She is seen in the foreground, wearing a dark dress and a white head covering, with a large, dark, textured object (possibly a tomb or a large vase) behind her. The background shows a building with an arched window and some foliage.



Brescia Villa S. Giovanni del giorno 1798
 Ricordo, e ricordo, una memoria che ho scritto
 in allora di fare ritorno alla mia casa.
 Scrivete queste notizie per obbedienza alla Sua
 Superiora Madre. Non so se che cosa faranno scrivere.
 So però che a me giova l'ubbidire e ad accrescere, ed
 anche mia riconoscenza al Signore che si profuma,
 mente mi profuma e mi consola proprio quando
 fui mi affliggeva.
 Che prima del mio arrivo e come avviene.
 Ho fatto del mio meglio per ricordare le cose più
 importanti del diario di questi 2 mesi di carcere
 di cui che fu distrutto prima della perquisizione
 in casa in seguito al mio fatto.
 Ho mai dimenticato la notte in cui fui condotta
 nella prigione di S. Maria nel carcere di S. Giovanni.
 quattro donne, tre sorelle del Carcere di S. Giovanni
 e certa Annunziata d'origine cremonese, nella stessa
 Come di solito anche queste erano marmitte e fra
 ganti da far pietà facevano subito di confortarle
 con qualche canto di confortarle dopo aver loro

Enrichetta with Dina Fontana walking in the prison from the memories written by Sr. Enrichetta