

**Venerable Enrica Beltrame Quattrocchi**  
**(Italy) 1914-2012**

*Accompanied the sick to Lourdes and Loreto  
Red Cross volunteer, 1939.*

*Served as a nurse in military hospital during the war;  
helping the politically persecuted, soldiers and refugees.*



**Enrica Beltrame Quattrocchi** was born on April 6, 1914, in Rome, Italy to Luigi Beltrame Quattrocchi and Maria Corsini. She was the youngest of four children. Before the age of 13, between 1924 and 1927, her siblings all left home entering religious life.

In her youth, Enrica was involved with the Daughters of Mary, the Christian Sisters and the Ladies of San Vincenzo. She helped the poor and most needy in the poor areas of Trastevere and Montagnola.

When she was 22, she regularly accompanied the sick to the sanctuary and miraculous healing spring at Lourdes, France, where the Blessed Virgin Mary had appeared to St. Bernadette in 1858. She also accompanied the sick on pilgrimage to Loreto, Italy, the location of the home from Nazareth in which the Blessed Virgin Mary was born, received the message from the Angel Gabriel and conceived Jesus in her womb.

*(Note: The altar, that had been placed in the home in the 1<sup>st</sup> century, was consecrated by St. Peter, the Prince of the Apostles. In 1291, angels transported the home from Nazareth to Dalmatia [modern-day Croatia], to protect it from Muslims bent on destroying Christian artifacts. The Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to people in Dalmatia and many miracles were reported. In December 1294, the house was again transported to the hilltop town of Loreto, Italy, where it remains to this day).<sup>2</sup>*

In 1939, as World War II was beginning, she served as a Red Cross volunteer and subsequently graduated with a diploma in nursing in 1940. She worked as a nurse in a military hospital during World War II and took care of the politically persecuted, soldiers and refugees. She graduated from the University of Rome with a degree in Modern Literature in 1942. She specialized in art history and began teaching this in 1944.

Enrica considered entering a religious congregation in 1956. However, after consultation with her spiritual advisor, she decided to care for her aging family. Enrica was active in the International Catholic Association of Works for the Protection of Young Women, along with her mother. She became the secretary general, serving until 1976. Continuing her volunteer activities, she then served as the Superintendent of the Ministry for Cultural and Environmental Heritage, beginning in 1976.

On November 15, 2001, at the age of 87, she became a consecrated member of the Witnesses of the Risen movement founded by Don Sabino Palumbieri, SDB. She continued active in volunteer activities welcoming young people, couples, priests, seminarians, religious, bishops and cardinals. Enrica had dedicated her life to the care of her parents, totally disregarding her own aspiration. She was involved in many charitable works including accompanying couples in crisis. As a Lady of San Vincenzo, she cared for those in need.

Her day was shaped by prayer, reading and meditating on the Word of God, and daily participation in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. She was available to anyone who asked her advice or assistance. Beginning in 2009, her health began to deteriorate, and though now 95 years old, she continued to care for the needs of others. In 2010, she adopted Francesco Beltrame, the son of a cousin, thereby allowing the surname Beltrame Quattrocchi to continue. She died two years later on June 16, 2012, in Rome at the age of 98.

Enrica Beltrame Quattrocchi was declared venerable by Pope Francis on August 30, 2021, with the promulgation of the decree of heroic virtue.

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