

Bl. Maria Crucified Satellico

Born: 31 December 1706 at Venice, Italy as Elisabetta Maria Satellico

Died: 8 November 1745 of natural causes, buried at the Church of Saint Lucy in Ostra

Vetere, Italy

Beatified: 10 October 1993 by Pope John Paul II

Feast day: November 8

Daughter of Piero Satellico and Lucia Mander, she grew up in the home of her maternal uncle who was a priest. Weak and sickly as a child, she was strong in prayer, music and singing. "I want to become a nun," she said, "and if I succeed, I want to become a saint". Student in the Poor Clare Monastery of Ostra Vetere, and responsible for singing and playing the organ. Joined the Poor Clares at age 19, she made her religious profession on 19 May 1726, taking the name Maria Crucified. Abbess of her community.