

## Bl. Chiara Luce Badano



**1971–1990**

**Feast Day:**  
October 29

Chiara was born in a small Italian village. In kindergarten, she started saving her money so she could give it to people who were going to help people in Africa. She gave her best toys to poor children. At school, she gave her snacks to poor classmates.

When Chiara was nine, she joined a Catholic group that brought Christians around the world together. She also enjoyed tennis, hiking, swimming, singing, dancing. School was hard for Chiara, but she kept trying. When Chiara was 16, she went on a retreat in Rome. She became even more devoted to Jesus.

One day she felt pain her shoulder while she was playing tennis. The pain continued and doctors told her she had cancer in her bones. Cancer is a deadly and painful disease that doctors cannot always fix.

Chiara offered her pain to Jesus. She prayed, “It’s for you, Jesus; if you want it, I want it too.” She cheered other patients, her doctor, parents, and friends with her joyfulness. She gave all her money to charity. As she grew more sick, she told her mother not to be sad for her. She died in October 1990. She was 18 years old.

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