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Dearest Sisters,

At 1:00 a.m. last night, one of the members of our Cidade Regina community, São Paulo, Brazil suffered a heart attack and was swiftly called to heaven:

MORETTI SR. ANGELA
born in Cerquilho (Sorocaba), Brazil, on 24 October 1931.

Our sisters remember in particular the shining eyes of this sister, her wonderful ability to relate to others, the joy that emanated from her entire being, her deep love for her vocation and her yearning to share the Pauline charism with as many people as possible. Several sisters defined her as “a woman of the Holy Spirit and of Praise” due to her inclination toward the Renewal in the Holy Spirit Movement.


Sr. Angela entered the Congregation in the Divine Master community, São Paulo, Brazil on 3 May 1948. She underwent a period of formation and her novitiate in this community, concluding this stage of her Pauline journey with her first profession on 19 March 1951. Immediately afterward, she began a long itinerary of service in various book centers of our Brazilian province, which she wisely united to experiences of diffusion to the families—two apostolates that gave her direct contact with the hunger and thirst of the people for the Word of God. For Sr. Angela, the book center was truly the place from which she “preached” the Gospel and proclaimed the goodness and love of the Lord to everyone. She was a well-loved member of the book center staff in Lins, where she also carried out the service of local superior, as well as in Rio de Janeiro, Niteroi, São Paulo and Maringa.

Sr. Angela’s name was also her program of life because she was truly a “good angel” to all. Wherever she went, her first concern was always for the people, whom she welcomed with a friendly and fraternal spirit. Everyone was captivated by her smile, her interest in them, her simplicity and her joy. She was concerned about the spiritual life of the book center clients and often paused to pray with them and infuse them with hope, optimism and faith. In fact, faith was our sister’s strongest characteristic, united to profound prayer, goodness, charity and sincere and generous acceptance of others. The FSPs of São Paulo (DM), Fortaleza, Rio de Janeiro, Cidade Regina and Brasilia also had the chance to experience Sr. Angela’s special power of attraction when she was assigned to these communities to carry out kitchen or administration services. In the last 20 years of her life, she dedicated herself heart and soul to book center work in Vitoria and Niteroi until, in 2011, she was transferred to the Cidade Regina community, São Paulo, due to declining health. The province’s nearby novitiate house prompted her to redouble her prayers for the young women and their mistress: a prayer she always accompanied with the concrete offering of her life.

In these last years, Sr. Angela was called to undergo special purification as a means for attaining the goal for which she yearned, namely: *holiness*. She often said: “We need to become saints! This is why we entered the Congregation.” Her ever-more intimate and profound prayer and unlimited self-donation to others characterized her climb to the heights of the “mountain of God.” She interceded for all the intentions entrusted to her and never hesitated to unite many sacrifices, including fasting, to her prayer in order to make it more pleasing to the Lord.

In the last few days of her life, Sr. Angela assimilated more and more closely the crucified Christ. Although she no longer had the strength to speak, the sisters who stopped by her room to see her always found her with her rosary in hand, in an attitude of prayer. It was clear to see that the Word she had disseminated in a vibrant and effective way throughout her life dwelled within her profoundly.

Affectionately,


Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan
Superior General

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