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Dearest Sisters,

At about 6:00 this evening, the Divine Master visited the James Alberione community, Albano, Italy, to call to himself our sister:

**MANCINELLI SR. JOLANDA**  
**born in San Marcello (Ancona), Italy on 1 November 1928.**

The words of today's Liturgy can well be applied to this dear sister, who was truly "faithful until death" and who waited with perseverance for "the crown of life." In her last days, she confided that her profound desire was to spend this Christmas with her Spouse.

Sr. Jolanda entered the Congregation on 27 August 1949 at the age of twenty-one. She brought with her many beautiful characteristics of her native region, above all the qualities of straightforwardness, honesty, concreteness, tact and great manual dexterity.

After a time of initial formation followed by a period of apostolic experience in Siena, she returned to Rome to make her novitiate, which concluded with her first profession on 19 March 1953. For the next twelve years Sr. Jolanda carried out capillary and collective diffusion in the Aquila diocese, after which she began a long curriculum as cook in Bologna, Rome (Castro Pretorio), Ancona, Albano and Cicogna.

She happened to be stationed at Albano while Prima Maestra Thecla was hospitalized there in 1964. With deep emotion, she liked to recount that she had been able to greet Prima Maestra the day before her death, that she had been privileged to dress M. Thecla's body for the funeral, and that she had been chosen as one of her pall bearers. All these unforgettable memories were engraved on her heart. She also liked to recall with holy pride that in 1978 she and a number of other FSPs from around the world had been asked by the Superior General to accept an immediate transfer to Albano to meet an emergency situation.

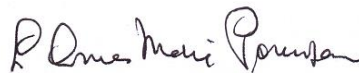
In 1979, Sr. Jolanda was assigned to the Divine Providence community, Rome and in 1981 she joyfully went to Alba to participate in a course of updating on the charism. This was probably the only time in her long Pauline life that she took a prolonged "pause" from her habitual intensive work schedule. Following this experience, she resumed her work of loving self-donation as cook in the communities of Rome (provincial house), Bologna, Albano, and then back to Rome (this time the Via Lucchesi community). Afterward, she was assigned to the St. Paul Film Agency, Bologna, for 3 years.

In 1992, Sr. Jolanda was transferred to Alba so as to receive the care necessary for severe diabetes. She spent the next 17 years in this community, working in the bindery and carrying out various household services. As time went by, her physical condition worsened and in 2009 she was transferred to the Thecla Merlo community, Albano, and a year later to the James Alberione community in the same town. In spite of the fact that she was confined to a wheelchair, she continued to radiate vivacity and creativity, happily crocheting doilies and other things for the sisters.

Sr. Jolanda was a dynamic person who preserved her clarity of mind up to the very end. With the grace of God, she used this gift to pursue a decisive journey of faith and self-surrender, growing steadily in humility, serenity and a spirit of gratitude for even the smallest service done for her.

Today, the Feast of the Miraculous Medal, she was called to heaven very quietly, in a Marian climate. We entrust Sr. Jolanda to Mary, our Mother, asking her to lead our sister into the realm of never-ending light and eternal rest.

Affectionately,

  
Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan  
Superior General

Rome, 27 November 2018