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Dearest Sisters,

At 5:45 p.m. today, the Lord once again visited us. He unexpectedly stopped by Queen of Apostles Hospital, Albano, Italy and, with a "tiny whispering sound," called to himself our sister:

BOI SR. LETIZIA
born in Lunamatrona (Cagliari), Italy on 17 May 1930.

It was only yesterday afternoon that Sr. Letizia was admitted to the hospital for heart problems that quickly led to an aneurysm. This morning her situation had become very serious and irreparable, and during Evening Prayer I of the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time our dear sister was called to *pass to the other shore* so as to acknowledge Jesus as her Lord and Master, accept his invitation and stretch out her hand for him to grasp, overcoming every fear by a profound act of faith.

Sr. Letizia entered the Congregation in Nuoro on 30 April 1953. After a period of formation and apostolic experience in the diocese of Campobasso, she made her novitiate in Rome, concluding it with her first profession on 30 June 1957.

As a young professed, she carried out the Pauline mission in the community of Mestre, and after her perpetual profession in Rome in 1962, she returned there. Later she was sent to Chiavari and Sondrio successively to work in the book center and carry out the diffusion apostolate. In 1975 she was appointed superior of the La Spezia community for two mandates. Following this, she returned to Campobasso, where she worked in the book center for the next 5 years. After a period in the Thecla Merlo community, Albano, she was assigned to the provincialate community in 1987 and for the next 25 years she dedicated herself to various household services, especially work at the reception desk and in the refectory. She carried out these simple but very important duties quietly, responsibly and with great love, irradiating the perfume of goodness to those around her.

Sr. Letizia was always ready to follow the directives of her superiors. In 1969, she wrote to her Provincial: "This [letter] is not to ask you for anything. All I want to say is that I am ready to continue to accept whatever obedience asks of me, as I have done up to now. Do whatever you want with me because I am sure the Lord will give me the grace to accept your dispositions. I can't deny that sometimes this costs me but if everything went according to my preferences, what would I have to offer him?"

The words of her formator, Sr. Concettina Borgogno, accompanied her all her life. "May the Gospel, the Crucifix and the Eucharist be your strength in all your difficulties," Sr. Concettina wrote to her. "May they comfort you when problems arise and may they illuminate your steps! Never forget that the reward promised to the ones who begin this journey will be given only to those who persevere to the end. May our heavenly Queen make what is hard to do easy for you and something that you do lovingly. Always move ahead in her company!"

In 2012, Sr. Letizia was transferred to the Thecla Merlo community, Albano where, in spite of her fragile health, she continued to be a punctual and generous presence in the community, spreading around her a profound spirit of faith, love for the Pauline charism and her also her love for neat, orderly and clean surroundings.

Up to the very end, the Lord granted Sr. Letizia complete lucidity and a profound sense of self-surrender to whatever he had disposed for her in his infinite love. She was fully aware that the heart surgery she had undergone 30 years earlier had made her health situation perpetually risky.

We want to entrust our dear sister to the mercy of the heavenly Father, asking him to welcome her into the dwelling of the saints and to give her the reward he promised to his faithful servants and good apostles.

Affectionately,

Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan
Superior General

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