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Dearest Sisters,

We received the news that at 4am this morning, in the “Cidade Regina” community in São Paulo (Brasil), our sister was called to her eternal reward:

**TAGLIARI OSVALDINA Sr REGINA**  
**born in Nova Bassano (Porto Alegre) February 27, 1928**

At the very young age of 11, she entered the Congregation in the Casa São Paulo, “Divine Master”, on November 23, 1939. In this community, she carried out her studies, her initial formation and her novitiate concluding with her first profession on March 28, 1948. Immediately afterwards, she was invited, together with other sisters, to cross the ocean to complete her formation in Italy. It was precisely on that occasion that the vessel they were on suffered a shipwreck: Sr. Regina and her two companions were miraculously saved.

During her juniorate, she lived in the “Divine Providence” community in Rome and for some time in the community of Grottaferrata. She completed her philosophy and theology studies and experienced a particular closeness to Prima Maestra. At the port of Napoli, as she was returning to Brazil on June 7, 1954, Maestra Tecla was also present and wrote her a warm note, in her own hand, from the cabin of the ship, “I travel with you in spirit. I will picture you at night, in this cabin and during the day, walking the bridges and the corridors. May the ship remind you that on this earth, we are only passing through....In Paradise there will be no departures, but only arrivals....May the Virgin accompany you in your journey and comfort and console you.”


In São Paulo, in the “Divine Master” community, she dedicated about 10 years to the writing of small booklets that were particularly diffused during the missions among the families. She was superior of the community of Curitiba and for a few years she devoted herself to teaching the young women in formation, inflaming their lives with love for the person and the example of the apostle Paul towards whom she had a special devotion. From the great Apostle, she had learned the secret of apostolic mysticism. She drew from St. Paul, thoughts, attitudes, and the becoming “all to all”. Truly, Pauline enthusiasm overflowed from her person and enflamed hearts. With the ardor of Paul, she initiated collective diffusion in the factories and in the parishes; she began the famous “book circles” where the readers signed up to receive one book a month. Her conviction persuaded people to fill their bags with books for all the needs of their loved ones.

In 1969, on the occasion of the Special Chapter, she was called to collaborate, in Casa Generalizia, on the commission responsible for drafting the Constitutions and the Directory to be submitted for review. For some time, she carried out the service of superior in Salvador and then returned to Rome to offer help in the diocesan offices.

In 1977, she was sent to Ecuador and then to Colombia, to the cities of Bogotá and Cucuta, to collaborate with the organization of the apostolate, in the editorial department and in the formation of the aspirants. Her joyful and engaging personality left an indelible mark upon this province too, where the sisters remember her enthusiasm and apostolic passion that seemed to have no limits.

In 1985 she was called to Cochabamba (Bolivia) and later to Lima (Perù) to carry out the service of pastoral work for vocations and to embrace the service of secretary and councilor for the delegation. In 1990, she returned to Brazil where in the cities of Belo Horizonte, Rio, Maringa and in the various houses in São Paulo, she continued to fascinate others with her love for the mission. In 1994, at the time of the “Missionary Project”, she still hoped to have the grace to “fly to the missions”. She wrote: «I want to spend my life to the last breath in announcing God’s love for humanity! Many vocations will come!”

Around 2000, the Lord offered her the possibility of a yet more fruitful mission, that of a long, painful and demanding inactivity, caused by Parkinson’s and Alzheimer’s disease. In 1999 she was inserted into the “Cidade Regina” community. Perhaps the words that M. Thecla had written to her on the occasion of the foundation of that house came back to her mind, “The City of the Queen will be big, beautiful and will be the place where souls will find help to rise towards perfection. From that hill.....to Heaven”. And this is the wish that we address to this dear sister who has spread among us goodness, joy and above all so much paolinità. With affection,

  
Sr Anna Maria Parenzan  
Superior General

Rome, April 12, 2018