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Dearest Sisters,

The Lord has visited us once again today. At 11:50 p.m., local time, he stopped by St. John of God Hospital, Manila, Philippines, to call to eternal life our sister:

**DEL ROSARIO LILIA – SR. ROSARIA
born in Dumangas (Iloilo), Philippines, on 3 May 1933.**

Sr. Rosaria entered the Congregation in Pasay City, Philippines on 3 March 1956, after obtaining her high school diploma. After a time of initial formation during which she worked in the typography, she was sent to Lipa to make her novitiate, concluding it with her first profession on 30 June 1960. Afterward, she dedicated herself with great enthusiasm and generosity to capillary and collective diffusion in Pasay City, Selangor (Malaysia), Iloilo and Tuguegarao. She yearned to be a missionary but because she considered the will of God to be the maximum good she joyfully carried out every duty entrusted to her by obedience. She firmly believe in the efficacy of the Pauline mission and consequently was ready to make any sacrifice necessary in the propaganda apostolate, taking every opportunity to organize book displays in parishes, schools and offices.

She served as superior of the Iloilo community for three years and while carrying out that office also worked in the book center. Following this, she was assigned to the book centers of Pasay City, Bacolod, Zamboanga and Naga successively. Sr. Rosaria spent a great deal of time becoming familiar with the books she diffused, especially those produced by our publishing center in Pasay, and thus she was able to convince people with great simplicity that these were books well worth reading.

She was known for her contagious joy and for her habitual attitude of gratitude. She thanked the Lord for all his gifts and she also thanked the sisters of her community, the infirmarians and the young women who carried out various services in the house. Sr. Rosaria radiated love for the Pauline vocation with her entire being—a characteristic that made her a very effective vocationist because she wanted everyone she met to get to know the beauty of the Pauline charism. Her Pauline life, lived in simplicity and love for the Divine Master, attracted young women, who recognized in her a fervent apostle of the Gospel.

With great spontaneity, Sr. Rosaria would present the needs of the community to many benefactors, who were very willing to be of assistance. When our Iloilo house was under construction, she did not hesitate to ask even her own family to do what they could to help ensure that the sisters would have a decent and salubrious residence. She was very open to all things beautiful and generously shared with her sisters the gifts she received from her family. She was also open to the new languages of communications, demonstrating a great readiness to learn to use a computer.

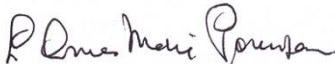
Sr. Rosaria liked clean and orderly surroundings and because of this she is remembered for reorganizing and looking after the community library, a service she carried out for 7 consecutive years.

When diagnosed as suffering from Alzheimer's disease, she was transferred to the wing of the Regina Apostolorum community, Pasay City, reserved for the sick and elderly sisters. But her illness did not rob her of her smile, her kindness and her attitude of gratitude toward everyone.

A few days ago, a serious case of pneumonia made it necessary for her to be admitted to St. John of God Hospital, and it was there that she ended her earthly pilgrimage and entered into eternal rest.

Let us offer our prayers of suffrage for all the sisters whom the Lord is calling one after another from among us in this time. May their life experiences confirm for us the fact that the Pauline vocation sets us on a broad and beautiful path that gives us the chance to offer ourselves to God without limits.

Affectionately,


Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan
Superior General

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