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Dearest Sisters,

At about 10:00 last night, our good Father God visited the infirmary of our Divine Providence community, Alba, Italy to call one of our sisters to contemplate the splendor of his grace forever:

**FASANO SR. TERESA (ESTHER)
born in Chieri (Turin), Italy on 17 February 1939.**

Sr. Teresa entered the Congregation in the community of Alba on 25 March 1960, at the age of 21, after completing business school. She quickly learned to love the “propaganda” apostolate, which she carried out above all in the valleys of the Trent region. Afterward, she was sent to Rome to make her novitiate, which concluded with her first profession on 30 June 1963.

She spent her Juniorate in Potenza, carrying out capillary and collective diffusion. After her perpetual profession, made in Rome on 30 June 1968, she was assigned to the Aosta community, where she continued the diffusion apostolate. In 1969, she wrote to her provincial superior: “I want to reconfirm my complete readiness to joyfully do anything asked of me, as I promised on the day of my perpetual profession. I have great good will to persevere in doing good and to dedicate all my energy to carrying out the apostolate. I am aware of my limitations but I have great trust that the Lord will help me live my beautiful vocation to the full.”

And Sr. Teresa continued to live the beautiful Pauline vocation to the full, dedicating herself with great fervor to the diffusion apostolate. She was truly a sister with a heart of gold—a person who loved the people to whom she was sent and who wanted to reach as many others as possible so as to share with them the serenity and peace that characterized her life.

Considering Sr. Teresa’s abilities as a driver and propagandist, in 1975 she was assigned to the Milan community. Together with another sister, she traversed every angle of this huge diocese, which responded with great enthusiasm to the Pauline apostolate. She helped to organize innumerable book displays in parishes, schools and institutes and her apostolic heart vibrated with joy whenever she recalled the more than 40 Bible Missions in which she participated during those years of grace. Setting out “two by two” and taking with them only what was strictly necessary, Sr. Teresa and her companions over the years concretely fulfilled the command of Jesus to offer every family they met his Gospel of peace.

In 1986, she returned to her beloved Aosta, where she was assigned to the book center. Except for a 6-year interval in Alessandria, Sr. Teresa remained in Aosta until 2002, when she was transferred to Alba to receive care for a very bad leg infection that kept her bedridden for a long time.

As soon as her health permitted, she dedicated herself to countless community services in spite of her precarious health, which became even more fragile when it was discovered that she was also suffering from a tumor. Notwithstanding this, Sr. Teresa could be found helping out in the community’s small internal book center, at the reception desk, welcoming guests and in the laundry room. Wherever she went, she carried out her mission as an apostle with love and joy, interceding for everyone and for the hundreds of intentions that had been entrusted to her during her many years in the direct apostolate.

Like the prophet Amos in today’s Liturgy (XV Sunday in Ordinary Time), Sr. Teresa was called and sent out to live the grace of her mission in every situation of life, proclaiming the Word of salvation above all through the witness of her life.

Affectionately,


Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan
Superior General

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