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Dearest Sisters,

At 0:55 a.m. last night (local time), one of the member of our Nazca (Buenos Aires) community, Argentina, returned to the Father:

**GROSELJ SR. TERESA**  
**born in Salzburg, Austria on 3 November 1944.**

Due to World War II, Sr. Teresa's family had emigrated to Austria from Yugoslavia, but when she was 5, she, her parents and her 6 siblings relocated to Argentina and became citizens of that country. Teresa entered the Congregation on 4 April 1961 in the community of Buenos Aires. Sixteen years old at the time, she nourished in her heart an ardent desire to become holy. She underwent her initial formation and made her novitiate in Buenos Aires, concluding this stage of her formation with her first profession on 8 December 1964.

As a young professed, Sr. Teresa dedicated herself to the technical apostolate in our Buenos Aires typography. Afterward, she spent some time in the community of Rosario and then that of Mendoza where, for 4 years, she worked in the diocesan Secretariat for Communication. In 1982, she was assigned to the publishing apostolate, a work that—along with formation and governing responsibilities, she carried out for the rest of her Pauline life. She lived in the communities of Nazca, Oro and Sarmiento, all located in Buenos Aires, carrying out the service of provincial councilor and secretary alongside her publishing activities, pastoral work for vocations and formation of first the postulants and then the Juniors. In view of her work in the formation sector, she participated in a course for formators in Argentina and in the 9-month international course for the formation of our FSP novice mistresses, held in Torvaianica, Italy.

In 1997, Sr. Teresa became a member of our FSP Secretariat for the Apostolate in Latin America (SAL) and moved to its headquarters in Bogota, Colombia. But the following year, taking advantage of her knowledge of the Slovenian language, which has many similarities with the Slovak and Czech languages, she was sent as a missionary to Prague (Czech Republic), which was experiencing the joys and difficulties of its foundation period. She lived in that small community for more than 5 years, making a valuable contribution to its life and activities, especially in the book center and vocation apostolates. She returned to Argentina in 2003 due to health problems that were quickly revealed as very serious. Assigned to the publishing and mini-media sectors, she zealously dedicated herself to the work of helping to upgrade the quality of our catechetical material.

For several mandates, she also served as superior of the Oro and Sarmiento communities of Buenos Aires.

Sr. Teresa had a deep longing to express the Pauline spirituality she had matured over the years by painting icons so she taught herself iconography, drawing inspiration above all from the life of the Apostle Paul. The Congregation became aware of her special ability in this area during the Pauline Year, when she produced a series of icons that gave rise to exhibits and other multimedia productions in different parts of the world. In spite of her precarious health, Sr. Teresa traveled with great generosity to various dioceses of Argentina to animate *Lectio Divina* encounters, retreats and conferences. Since her early years as a professed, she had yearned to come to a better grasp of St. Paul's apostolic mysticism and came to discover that the secret of his unity of life was to center one's existence more and more on the Trinity. She wrote that the Lord revealed himself to her in progressive, unexpected and un hoped-for ways, helping her understand that one could reach a very high degree of holiness in the Pauline life.

Sr. Teresa's life was marked by illness and pain. In 2005, she was diagnosed as suffering from various tumors that little by little pervaded her entire body, including her brain. With courage and great faith, she underwent several operations and many cycles of chemotherapy, which were very hard on her system. But illness never suppressed the life that throbbed in her nor her burning desire to dedicate herself completely to the Word.

May her intercessory prayers and self-offering to the Divine Master help to support the Congregation's commitment to rediscovering the creative aspect of the Pauline apostolate and, consequently, its biblical, catechetical and ecumenical dimensions, so as to enable us to reach the "existential peripheries in most need of the light of the Gospel" (EG 20).

Affectionately,

Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan  
Superior General

Rome, 30 May 2019