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Dearest Sisters,

We just received the news this evening, that at 1:58, in the Hospital of St John of God in Manila, (Philippines) our good and merciful Father has called to eternal life, our sister

PIQUIT LOURDES SR, M. ANSELMINA
Born at Milaor Camarines (Philippines) on 2nd September, 1935.

She entered the Congregation at a mature age, of 25 years on 2nd June, 1960, in the house of “Queen of Apostles” Pasay City. She spent the time of formation in the community of Davao and her novitiate in the house of Lipa where she made her first profession on 30th June, 1965.

Sr Anselmina dedicated herself, with zeal and enthusiasm, to the itinerant mission and to the book centres, in the communities of Nagam Sorsogon, Legaspi, Cagayan de Oro, Ologapo, Davao. She desired to reach everyone with the word of light and of hope and to do this, she followed the suggestions of our Founder, that when faced with the long and dangerous travels, not to leave any family without the gift of the Word of Salvation. She was not afraid to climb into the small boats, together with her companions on the mission, in order to reach the faraway places. The Sisters, who accompanied her on these trips, which were often risky, were cared for by Sr Anselmina who knew how to comfort them with her love in order to respond to their necessities and their needs. She felt an “Apostle of the Word” and sought not only to diffuse it with full hands, but to make every effort to dedicate herself to the biblical animation with the desire to make the profound significance of the Word of Life understood by all those who approached her.

The young seminarians had a special place in her heart. She encouraged them, offering them useful suggestions and above all, confided them to the Virgin Mary, to whom she had an intimate devotion. Many seminarians, whom she had accompanied, became priests and also bishops, who helped her in various ways in the mission.

In the book centres, she had a particular way of drawing near to the clients, by being interested in their families, becoming their friend and confidant and expressing a particular attention to the young people who were searching for their vocation by using the most convincing language to help them in their choice.

Above all, the Church of Naga remembers this dear sister who not only carried out the Book Center apostolate, but also took care of the Cooperators, to the needs of the Cathedral, which was near the community, dedicating part of her time to the flower arrangements and to the cleaning of the sacred linen used for the Eucharistic celebration.

Sr Anselmina was a positive and smiling sister, irradiating goodness, simplicity and, gentleness. She did not have special needs and also during these last years which she spent in the infirmary of the community of “Queen of Apostles” in Pasay City, she was confined to a wheel chair, seeking to obey the nurses, abandoning herself docilely in their hands. Her sweet smile which illuminated her face, accompanied her until the last day. Until the end of her life she was perfectly coherent, with the profound conviction which had animated all her life and which she herself confided to her provincial superior in 1968” I understand and esteem always more the sublimity of my vocation and of my grave responsibility before God and the Congregation, to the souls and to myself. It is really in the Pauline life that I can be fulfilled completely.”

Now Sr Anselmina has reached the fullness of joy and of peace. As the Apostle Philip, whose feast we celebrate today, she is able to finally enjoy the face of the Father and to immerse herself in this beatific vision.


Sr Anna Maria Parenzan
superior general

Roma, 3rd May, 2018.