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Dearest Sisters,

We received the news that at 7:45 a.m. today, the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Divine Master visited our Nazca community in Buenos Aires, Argentina to call to eternal light our sister:

TIBALDO SR. INES MARIA
born in Llambi Campbell (Santa Fe, Argentina) on 16 May 1937.

Sr. Inés, the sister of Fr. Domingo Tibaldo, ssp, entered the Congregation in the Nazca community, Buenos Aires on 28 December 1947 at the age of ten. Illness and suffering soon knocked on the door of her life when her mother died at the age of 38 in a spirit of profound faith. From her, the young Inés had learned the dignity and spiritual fortitude that would mark her entire life. Considering how young she was, Inés spent most of the first stage of her Pauline journey finishing her studies. In 1954, she began her novitiate, which concluded with her first profession on 29 June 1955. She spent her Juniorate in Buenos Aires, where her primary apostolate was capillary and collective diffusion. After her perpetual profession, she was sent to Lima, Peru—a community that had just been founded, and afterward was transferred to Bogota, Colombia, where she dedicated herself first and foremost to the catechetical apostolate. She also worked for a number of years in the community of La Paz, Bolivia.

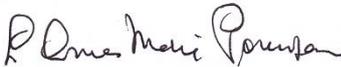
In carrying out the Pauline mission, Sr. Inés had the chance to put to good use the intensive academic preparation she had received in philosophy, journalism, and pastoral and catechetical theology. She returned to Argentina in 1971 and was assigned to the writing apostolate, especially the production of catechetical material, and then to the staff of the *Family Magazine*, which she also directed for a number of years. Sr. Inés then accepted with simplicity and love the call to the service of governing: for six years she served as superior of the large Nazca community, and for three non-consecutive terms as provincial councilor and vicar. She spent another 6 years as superior of the Montevideo community, Uruguay and then as superior of the Sarmiento and Resistencia communities.

Following this, Sr. Inés devoted herself with wisdom and competence to the book center apostolate in Tucuman and then, from 2009-2013, to the audiovisual sector of the Montevideo book center. It was during this last period that illness began to seriously undermine her health.

The sisters who lived with Sr. Inés over the years remember in particular her love for the poor and her great generosity toward them. While in Montevideo, she came up with a genial way of helping the indigent by enabling them to earn at least a tiny income: she would make simple cards for various occasions which the poor could buy at very low prices and then resell, or else give as a gift to anyone who gave them a donation. How many needy families were able to earn enough money to purchase the basics of life through this creative stratagem of Sr. Inés!

Several years ago our sister was diagnosed as suffering from a malignant tumor that inexorably depleted her energy but as long as her strength permitted she continued to carry out her greeting-card apostolate, searching through countless texts to find thoughts and phrases suitable not only for cards but also for other forms of mini-media. Sr. Inés loved the Liturgy and sought to foster a climate of community prayer in harmony with the various seasons and feasts of the liturgical year. She accepted her sufferings quietly, with the dignity characteristic of her. She was prompt to place herself into the hands of the Lord, in imitation of the widow in today's Gospel reading, who cast the entire amount of her miniscule resources into the Temple treasury. Sr. Inés truly spent her entire life casting herself into the hands of God and today she culminated this style of life with her wholehearted surrender to him at the moment of his final call.

Affectionately,


Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan
Superior General

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