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Dearest Sisters,

At 4:15 p.m. today, the Third Sunday of Easter, Jesus Master visited the infirmary of our Divine Providence community, Alba, Italy to call definitively to himself our sister:

LISCIA SR. ANNA
born in Guspini (Cagliari), Italy on 5 December 1937.

Sr. Anna entered the Congregation in Alba on 28 June 1961. After her initial formation and novitiate, she made her first profession on 30 June 1965 in the Motherhouse. As a young professed, she was assigned to the Alba community to carry out various services, including maintenance of the heating plant, for which she had obtained the appropriate license. After a time spent diffusing the Word of God to families and businesses in Alessandria and enriched by a prolonged formative period, she made her perpetual profession in Rome on 27 June 1971.

Sr. Anna was well-known for her open and sociable character and her readiness to help out wherever needed. In the book centers of Ferrara, Pordenone, Tortona, Aquila, Naples and Palermo, she disseminated not only books but also her joy at belonging to the Lord and dedicating all her energies to proclaiming the Gospel. She also willingly lent a hand with diffusion outside our apostolic centers through book displays in parishes, schools and collectivities. She never minded the fatigues involved in carrying out the apostolate but with her habitual smile sought to anticipate her companions in doing good. An expert driver, she made the most of this skill to bring the Word of God as rapidly as possible to everyone. While stationed in Florence, she had the chance to work in the Pauline Editions Agency, driving all over Tuscany to supply the secular book centers of the region with FSP publications suited to their needs. She also worked for different periods in Verona and the Via Lucchesi community of Rome, where she took advantage of the opportunity to continue her cultural and theological studies.

In 2006, declining health made it necessary to transfer Sr. Anna to the Capodimonte community in Naples, where she continued to dedicate herself selflessly and generously to various household services, including that of cook. But the progression of Alzheimer's disease, with which she had been diagnosed, soon required her to move to the Alba community so as to receive the care she needed.

Sr. Anna spent the last period of her life in progressive silence and serene acceptance of her health situation. About two months ago, she suffered a stroke, aggravating her already fragile physical condition, which continued to worsen. No longer able to swallow, she was totally dependent on intravenous feeding.

Today, the words of Jesus to Peter were verified in the life of this dear sister. "When you were younger," the Master said, "you used to dress yourself and go where you wanted. But when you grow old you will stretch out your hands and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go" (Jn. 21:18). Completely surrendered to the Lord, Sr. Anna allowed herself to be led today to eternal life, where she is now joyfully singing *Amen* and *Alleluia* along with all the saved.

The continual visits of the Lord that we are experiencing in this time are an invitation to us to read our lives in the radiant light of the resurrection and give us the confidence of being protected by the continual intercession of our Pauline community in heaven. The experience of these sisters confirms our hope and strengthens our certitude that the Pauline vocation opens for us a path that *becomes always, longer, broader and more beautiful...* a path without limits when it comes to self-donation and self-offering.

Affectionately,


Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan
Superior General

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