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Dearest Sisters,

At about 3:00 a.m. today, the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Divine Master visited Bra Hospital, Cuneo, Italy to lead to eternal life one of our sisters who had been hospitalized there for several days:

BALDI ENRICHETTA EMILIA – SR. MARIA BEATRICE
born in Agliano (Asti), Italy on 1 February 1931.

Sr. M. Beatrice was a sister deeply loved for her enthusiasm and capacity for self-donation. Her versatility enabled her to joyfully dedicate herself to a wide variety of services. She was the niece of Sr. Addolorata Baldi, who opened our first FSP community in Brazil, and following in the footsteps of her aunt she entered the Congregation in Alba on 25 June 1948.

She made her novitiate in Rome, concluding it with her first profession on 19 March 1951. Immediately afterward she was sent to San Benedetto to carry out the itinerant apostolate. With her characteristic enthusiasm, she accepted a transfer to Albano in 1955, where she was asked to serve as cook. Thus began her long apostolic itinerary, which she described in the following way when celebrating her Golden Jubilee of religious profession: "I cannot set down on paper what I lived in spirit: the accumulation of graces and gifts that the Lord has poured out upon me... a story consisting of mingled joys and sorrows. In the light of God, everything was a grace, a sign of his love. It was a journey toward him, carried out according to his will.... The Lord was always at my side; he took me by the hand and guided me.... The joy of my daily visit with Jesus helped me overcome problems and obstacles.... I never felt alone because I always felt that I was the object of his love...."

In 1957, Sr. Beatrice was sent to the FSP community in Lugano, Switzerland, after which she served as local superior in Treviso. In 1969 she was assigned to the Generalate to work in the Pauline Mission Center. In 1972, she was transferred to the St. Paul Film Agency in Dusseldorf, Germany, but not long afterward she returned to the Generalate to resume her work in the Pauline Mission Center for another 10 years. But every summer she would load up a small car and set out for Torre Mondovì, where she competently managed one of the Italian province's "summer communities," preparing delicious homemade ice cream and other treats for the sisters.


In 1986, Sr. Beatrice received a big surprise when she was asked to go as a missionary to Cochabamba, Bolivia, where, she said, she found many wonderful apostolic experiences awaiting her. Above all, she was called to a new and more profound mission of love and fraternal service in the midst of a people who greatly needed God. She wrote: "It is the Pauline mission that gives full meaning to my life. I was 56 years old when I left for Bolivia—the age when many people in Italy are approaching retirement. My whole life—every day and every minute of it—has been and will continue to be dedicated to our mission for as long as my health permits."

In 1998, Sr. Beatrice left her beloved Bolivia for Lima, Peru, where she fulfilled many different services in the community and stock room: another 10 years of generous and energetic self-donation. In 2009, she returned to Italy and was assigned to the St. Joseph community, Alba, where she continued to joyfully offer herself to God day after day in the technical apostolate and numerous community services, including that of vice-superior.

Several months ago, Sr. Beatrice broke her arm and underwent surgery for it several times. A few days ago, a stubborn bout of the flu made it necessary to take her to the Alba hospital, from which she was transferred to the hospital of Bra, where she spent the last days of her life.

Leafing through her many letters, we continue to be inspired by our sister who, with her typical enthusiasm, wrote: "The most powerful and beautiful experience of my life was that of always feeling accompanied by the Lord on my journey. I am infinitely grateful to him for the precious gift of my vocation.... The witness of faith I received from many people traveling alongside me enabled me to reach the present point in my life. Moved by immense love for God, I want to cry out my sincere gratitude to him." We too want to thank this dear sister for her life and witness and we ask her to continue to beg God for the gift of new and ardent Pauline missionaries, overflowing with love and the capacity to donate themselves to him unconditionally.

Affectionately,


Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan
Superior General

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