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Dearest Sisters,

At about 9:15 this morning, the Divine Master visited the James Alberione community of Albano, Italy to call to the splendor of the heavenly Jerusalem our sister:

**BOISON ONORIA SR. MARIA LUCIANA
born in Gradoli (Viterbo), Italy on 1 February 1923.**

Today's liturgical reading about Jesus and the children can be well applied to the life of Sr. Luciana because our sister was one of the "little ones" of the Gospel—a simple, kind and straightforward person, without guile, who lived among us quietly, carrying out her duties in a spirit of goodness and love.

She entered the Congregation in the community of Rome on 5 January 1943 and immediately put to good use her skill as a seamstress. She made her novitiate in Rome, concluding it with her first profession on 19 March 1946. As a young professed, she disseminated the Gospel "door to door" in Salerno and Livorno. After her perpetual profession in 1951, she resumed the diffusion apostolate, this time in Grosseto and Maremma Toscana, visiting the people with a bag overflowing with books and accompanying each encounter with a big smile. Afterward, she carried out the book center apostolate in Taranto, Matera and Udine. During her time in Matera, she also had the opportunity to participate in a singular apostolic activity: that of preparing the children of an entire town to receive the sacraments of Baptism and the Eucharist. It was an unforgettable experience that moved her so deeply that she would remember it for the rest of her life.

In 1972, Sr. Luciana was assigned to the Divine Providence community of Via Antonino Pio, Rome, where she carried out community services for about 10 years. Following this, she worked in the stock room and then in the shipping department of the large Antonino Pio complex. She was very eager to do her part in order that the Word—transformed into books, magazines and pictures—could reach as many people as possible. Sr. Luciana loved the Queen of Apostles Sanctuary and spent long hours in prayer there—a place she considered to be the home of the whole Pauline Family. She felt honored to help out over the years to clean the basilica and take care of its furnishings.

In these last years, she worked for as long as her health permitted in the department of the Antonino Pio community that produced greeting cards and put together small packets of religious objects, sharing the joy of the other members of the sector at being able to carry out the Pauline mission in this way.

As a young Pauline, Sr. Luciana had filled out a questionnaire in which she was asked to list her personal skills. She wrote humorously: "I possess all the gifts the good God saw fit to equip me with when he placed me on this earth."

During her times of prayer, she never forgot the intentions of the Daughters of St. Paul of the United States, toward whom she felt a special affection through her bond with her American cousin, Sr. Assunta, who was always in her thoughts.

Sr. Luciana serenely accepted the decline of her strength and the solitude that often accompanies old age, reinforcing her bond with Jesus Master and surprising the sisters with the originality of her relationship with him. Her physical condition continued to deteriorate following heart surgery and later by a growing inability to masticate. Just 15 days ago she was transferred from her beloved Antonino Pio community, in which she had spent 43 years, to the James Alberione community of Albano so that she could receive the ongoing care she needed. There she found the Lord waiting for her but her sojourn was brief because he quickly called her to heaven to live with him forever.

Affectionately,


Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan
Superior General

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