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Dearest Sisters,

I want to inform you that toward midday, in the San Raffaele Department of the community of Albano, our tender Mother Mary, gate of heaven, has guided to heaven our sister

BORTOLETTO MARIA Sr MARIA ALOISIA
Born in Preganziol (Treviso) on May 19, 1924

The life of this dear sister could be summarized in just one word: *fidelity*. On the occasion of her fiftieth anniversary of profession, she wrote: "This is a very important stage in my life because I profoundly feel the need to thank the Lord for his goodness, grace and mercy. ... My life and my feelings are serene and joyous in God's will, in being fully a Daughter of St. Paul no matter the apostolate I am called to fulfill." And on the occasion of her sixtieth anniversary of profession she exclaimed: "I am happy, and I try to always be faithful to the Lord's will." Sr. Aloysius was always faithful in doing the will of God through a style of obedience that was wise and joyful even in difficult situations.

She entered the Congregation in the house of Rome, on September 9, 1941. After a time of "propaganda" in the community of Ancona, she lived in Rome for her novitiate that concluded with her first profession on March 19, 1945. As a young professed she was sent to the house of Grosseto and next to Bari, Mestre, Naples Capodimonte—always with the duty of "propagandist" and driver. Everywhere she went she distinguished herself for her wisdom, maturity and the desire to dedicate herself fully in service of the gospel and of the sisters. In 1973, she was transferred to Milan, to the house in Via Varanini and then to the one in Via Mancini which was then the seat of the North-West section of the Province of Italy. She was simple and available in every circumstance, and she carried out simultaneously the service of cook, running errands, and driver, always contributing to spread a climate of serenity and goodness in the community.

In 1978, the superior general called her with urgency, asking her to be the cook in the kitchen of the Hospital "Regina Apostolorum," since the post had remained vacant. Suddenly Sr. Aloysius had to get used to a new style of life. She went from the duty of caring for a small community, to now being responsible for preparing meals for over two hundred hospital patients, besides the more than one hundred sisters who made up the community of Albano at the time.

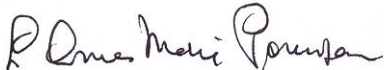
And so, Sr. Aloysius learned to manage the lay personnel, to handle the various hospital diets, to move around the large kitchen instruments, and to relate to the supply companies. She was able to place all her confidence in the Lord and the grace of office, and through her docility, she accomplished wonders. She continued to be, even in the community of Albano, a serene and peaceful presence, someone who desired to give of herself so that the sisters could have times of relaxation and happiness.

She was a person of simplicity and essentials, never preoccupied about herself, but always available to do the heaviest and less gratifying tasks. She willingly lent her services to manage the summer vacation house of San Felice al Circeo, located in a picturesque and enchanting area, surrounded by sea and sky. This was her favorite house for relaxation, but her rest consisted above all in working for the sisters, trying to gladden them with her delicious cooking, and to favor an environment that was joyous, peaceful and welcoming.

In the year 2003, when the Hospital kitchen was handed over to a food service company, Sr. M. Aloysius dedicated herself to the work in the laundry and in community housekeeping. In 2008, her cardiological condition was already very precarious, and it compelled her into fulltime rest in the infirmary San Raffaele. In these last few years, her good and generous heart, always ready to give of herself, suffered several heart attacks and was functioning in a much-reduced manner. It was truly a heart consumed by love.

Like the faithful Virgin, Sr. M. Aloysius kept vigil in waiting, while listening and believing in the Word, and safeguarding in her heart the certitude of God's promise. And we, through the grace of our faith, now have the assurance that she is contemplating that Face that she always desired and sought.

With much affection.


Sr Anna Maria Parenzan
Superior general

Rome, May 2, 2014.