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Dearest Sisters,

At 9:15 this morning, the Divine Master visited Queen of Apostles Hospital, Albano, Italy to call to himself, as a result of heart failure and kidney blockage, our sister:

BOTTIGLIERI SR. ANTONIETTA
born in Sala di Serino (Avellino), Italy on 24 August 1929.

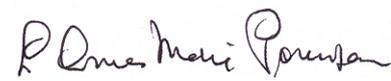
Sr. Antonietta entered the Congregation in Rome on 14 August 1941 at the age of 12. In remembering the years of her youth and her reasons for entering the Institute, she said: "I didn't enter the Congregation at such a young age because I was unhappy at home or because I felt that something was missing there. I came from a very affectionate, economically-stable family, and I had before me the possibility of attaining a certain position in life. No: I clearly felt that the Lord was calling me to consecrate myself to him and I entered the Institute because my neighbor, Sr. Rosaria Sabatino, 'infected' me with her enthusiasm for the Pauline religious life. My first years in the convent were marked by the privations and sacrifices typical of the war period and I tried to offer myself to God without reserve. In those days, there was not much time for study (which I liked very much) because we were very busy carrying out the apostolate. How many extra hours we worked in the technical apostolate! I never held back because I always believed our labors served the cause of the Good Press, which could do so much good."

Sr. Antonietta spent the first years of her formation in Rome and Alba, where she worked in the bindery. She made her novitiate in Rome, concluding it with her first profession on 19 March 1950. Three days after her profession, she returned to Alba, where she spent the next 17 years working in the technical apostolate. In 1967, she was assigned to the Campobasso book center and then to the one in Fiuggi. Besides carrying out this apostolate, she also had the chance to complete her studies and obtain a degree as an elementary school teacher.

In 1974, Sr. Antonietta was transferred to Perugia and then to Cosenza. After a few months of absence from the Institute, she was assigned to the St. Paul Film Agency in Ancona. She later carried out the service of cook in the Via dei Lucchesi community, Rome. Following this, she returned to her beloved book center apostolate in the communities of Avellino, Salerno and Foggia successively. In 2006 she was transferred to Naples/Capodimonte to carry out various household duties, including work at the community's reception desk. When a stroke, suffered in 2009, confined her to a wheelchair, she was transferred to the James Alberione community, Albano.

Sr. Antonietta's deepest yearning, especially in the last few days of her life, was to "go to Jesus." She wanted to make this passage quickly and begged the Divine Master for this gift. She continually thanks her caregivers for their assistance and worried that they would wear themselves out taking care of her. Yesterday she was admitted to Queen of Apostles Hospital as a result of kidney blockage, which the doctors hoped to resolve. Instead, she flew to heaven, lucid up to the very end and supported by the prayers and affection of her sisters.

A few years ago, Sr. Antonietta wrote: "May the Lord, who saw to it that I was almost 'born' in the Congregation, allow me the serene death he granted to so many other sisters who have passed to eternity. The Lord is wonderful—he writes straight even with crooked lines." The Divine Master answered Sr. Antonietta's request today, leading her to full communion with himself—the One she desired and loved with all her heart. We are confident that she is now beside him in that realm of light and peace, surrounded by the many members of the Pauline Family who preceded her to eternal life. Affectionately,


Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan
Vicar General

Rome, 8 October 2012