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Dearest Sisters,

At a little after 1:00 p.m. today, local time, our good and merciful Father visited St. John of God Hospital, Pasay City, Philippines, to call to himself our sister:

CABARABAN SR. ADELINA
born in Cagayan de Oro, Philippines, on 5 March 1940.

Sr. Adelina was taken to the Tacloban City Hospital on 9 January because she was having trouble breathing. From there, she went to Pasay City for further medical exams and four days later she was hospitalized as a result of a pulmonary embolism (blockage of a major artery in the lung). She drew her last breath serenely, after having received the sacraments and renewed her “here I am” to the Lord for all her life.

Sr. Adelina entered the Congregation in the community of Cagayan de Oro on 5 February 1962. Following a period of initial formation, she made her novitiate in the community of Lipa, concluding it with her first profession on 30 June 1966. In her letter requesting admission to profession, she quoted M. Thecla’s words underscoring that “our life is a perpetual novitiate for heaven...” Sr. Adelina has now ended this novitiate and we are confident that she is even now rejoicing in the sight of Jesus Master for all eternity.

After her profession, Sr. Adelina began a very fruitful Pauline itinerary in the apostolate and in various local communities, including through her service as local superior. She was a kind, serene, good and humble sister, who carried out her duties with great responsibility. Although quiet by nature, she possessed the art of making her presence felt without calling attention to herself. She was a dependable sister, capable of enriching the communities in which she lived with words that were edifying, positive and filled with hope. She made no distinctions between people: all the sisters, young and old, had a place in her life.


Sr. Adelina carried out an active service in the book centers of Lipa, Baguio, Davao, Legaspi, Cagayan de Oro, Zamboanga, Cebu, Iloilo and Tacloban. She served as superior of the communities of Baguio, Olongapo, Marikina (Manila) and Bacolod. For short periods, she worked in our Pasay City infirmary and also helped out in the office of the Provincial Secretary and the Provincial Administration Office. In the communities of Lipa, Pasay, Tuguegarao and Tacloban, she dedicated herself with great zeal to capillary and collective diffusion.

The sisters who lived with Sr. Adelina say that she wanted to bring the Gospel to all people—a yearning that sprang from her intense prayer life and communion with her Lord and Master. We are sure that the words of the Founder to the Daughters of St. Paul in 1966 made a great impression on her: “Fill your hearts with God,” he said. “May they be like cups brimming over with water, pouring their contents out on others.”

Sr. Adelina relished the mystical heights reached by Fr. Alberione’s words when he sought to inspire the sisters to carry out their mission fervently: “Take Jesus [to everyone] and feel his presence,” he said. “From time to time, lay your hand on your breast, where Jesus dwells in the tabernacle that is you yourself... God is with you; Jesus is spiritually with you. Go forth with Jesus, just as Mary did” (FSP58, p. 373).

We thank Sr. Adelina for her experiences of life, which allow us to recall some of the characteristics of the Pauline vocation, which she lived with profound conviction. Let us entrust to her our young women who in these days at the St. Paul House are preparing to say their definitive *yes* to the Lord. May the example of the many sisters who have preceded us to eternal life help them renew their enthusiasm for living the wealth of the Pauline charism that today has been placed in their hands and hearts.

Affectionately,


Sr. Anna Maria Porenzan
Superior General

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