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Dearest Sisters,

God, our good Father, visited the James Alberione community of Albano, Italy at 2:00 a.m. this morning to call to himself, in the silence of the night, our sister:

CAPUZZO SR. LIDIA
born in Vallonga di Arzegrande (Padua), Italy, on 17 May 1930.

Sr. Lidia entered the Congregation on 28 March 1949 in the community of Alba. After a period of formation, during which she worked in the stock room and then carried out the “propaganda” apostolate in the alpine valleys of Trent in the northern part of the country, she was sent to Rome to make her novitiate. This stage of her formation concluded with her first profession on 19 March 1952.

Filled with joy at belonging to the Divine Master and the desire to take his Gospel to all people, she dedicated herself to capillary and collective diffusion in Sassari. Following this, she devoted herself with the same zeal to the book center apostolate in numerous cities up and down the Italian peninsula. In fact, from 1953-2006, she worked in the centers of Verona, Mantua, Treviso, Milan, Pavia, Rimini, Palermo, Campobasso and Trent. She carried out her mission enthusiastically, with great cordiality toward her co-workers and the book center clients because she had heard the Founder say that “the book center is the mirror of the Institute.... Our Pauline initiatives irradiate from it.... It is a church.... It is the place of our sacrifices and love for souls.... It is a center of light and warmth in Jesus Christ...because the spirit that enlivens it is the Gospel.”

Spurred on by these profound convictions, Sr. Lidia assiduously cultivated her personal formation, striving to get to know the products she was disseminating, especially in the audiovisual sector, where she worked for many years. She loved music and was convinced that a beautiful song or even a simple greeting card could communicate the Gospel message and raise a person to new spiritual heights.

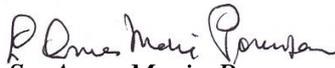
Sr. Lidia had a frank, loyal and decisive character, but she was also a serene and cheerful person who was able to weave strong bonds of friendship with her sisters and with book center clients. The relationships she established were beautiful, straightforward and cordial and her conversations were colored by a humor that often helped to lighten and uplift the atmosphere around her.

Sr. Lidia held priests in high esteem and she established a special fraternal rapport with the Superior General of the Stigmatine Fathers, who was her spiritual director for many years.

In the last stage of her life, the Divine Master wanted to associate her more closely to his Passion and she—like the Servant of Yahweh—did not hesitate to accept the crosses he offered her. Diagnosed as suffering from spinal cord compression, she courageously underwent several operations to rectify this situation in the hope of regaining her self-sufficiency. She looked upon her sufferings as a completion of her mission and offered them to the Lord in a spirit of reparation, in union with the sacrifice of Christ.

A severe case of pneumonia provoked the heart attack last night that brought her to the vision of the Face she had longed to see all her life. We can say that Sr. Lidia’s spiritual and apostolic journey was in harmony with the advice of today’s Liturgy, which urges us to choose life, obey the voice of God and remain united to him. And we are sure that the Divine Master has now led her into the Promised Land of heaven, flowing with milk and honey and watered by the spring of eternal life.

Affectionately,


Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan
Superior General

Rome, 2 March 2017