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Dearest Sisters,

With deep emotion, we want to inform you that in the midst of our Christmas celebrations the Father of Light has called to himself our sister:

CARRARA ANGIOLA MARIA – SR. MARIA ADELE
born in Bergamo, Italy on 1 July 1944.

Up until just a few days ago, there was absolutely no sign of what was to happen so unexpectedly. On Christmas Eve, Sr. Adele was drawing up an invoice in the Pauline Multimedia Center in Via Mascherino, Rome, when she suddenly felt unwell. An ambulance was quickly called and the paramedics realized at once that her condition was critical. She was taken to nearby Holy Spirit Hospital but then transferred to Gemelli Polyclinic, where the doctors said she had suffered a brain hemorrhage. She underwent surgery immediately but this did not improve her condition. Sr. Adele spent Christmas day and the Feast of St. Stephen in a profound coma. Surrounded by her relatives, including Sr. Giovannamaria, and by the members of the Mascherino community, she passed to eternity at midday on the Feast of St. John, Apostle and Evangelist.


Together with her sister, Sr. Adele entered the Congregation in Alba on 11 Feb. 1964, after closing the small haberdasher shop they had jointly run in Bergamo. As a postulant, she carried out the propaganda apostolate in Piacenza and then was sent to Rome for her novitiate, concluding it with her first profession on 30 June 1967. After a period of apostolic experience in Verona, she was sent to Paris, France to learn the language and culture of the country in view of her insertion into this new circumscription. In Besançon, she carried out the diffusion apostolate and also continued her studies. In Arras, she collaborated with the diocese, served as delegation councilor, and took courses at the Theological Faculty of Lille, from which she received a Bachelor's degree. Afterward, she was transferred to Marseilles and in 1981 to Paris, where she served as both Delegation and local superior.

In 1984 Sr. Adele participated in the Congregation's 5th General Chapter and then spent a period of time in the Generalate community so as to conclude her theological studies. After receiving her Licenciata, she returned to Marseilles, France for a short time, then re-entered Italy definitively. At first she was station in Brescia, then, in 1989, she was assigned to the newly-opened St. Paul Multimedia Center in Rome. Sr. Adele was an open, friendly, reflective and enterprising person. Her managerial and organizational skills enabled her to carry out her complex duties as coordinator of the Multimedia Center with great success for many years. In the two decades since the Center first opened its doors, it has gained an ever-wider reputation for the excellent service it offers teachers, students, pastoral workers, missionaries, families, and also bishops arriving in the Vatican from every part of the world for their *ad limina* visits. Blessed with great apostolic fervor and an equally strong sensitivity to people, Sr. Adele made the most of the Center's lay collaborators and helped them improve their skills. She was always ready to widen her circle of friends, many of whom were professors and experts in the fields of communication and theology, and she willingly helped to organize the cultural encounters held in the Multimedia Center. Because of her competence in these areas, in the 1990's she was appointed to the international Pauline team set up to carry out in-depth research and study on Jesus Master from the Christological-anthropological perspective.

We cannot fail to mention Sr. Adele's deep love for her brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews. She was very close to them all and participated in their joys, sorrows and worries. In fact, the last words she spoke were to reassure Sr. Giovannamaria that her situation was not serious. We are sure that now, from heaven, she will continue to remain close to her relatives, friends and co-religious, especially those with whom she shared daily life and a multitude of apostolic experiences.

Sr. Adele's unexpected death has left a great hole in our lives. But enveloped in the atmosphere of Christmas, we believe that she now dwells in eternal Light—rejoicing in the Day that never ends.

Affectionately,


Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan
Vicar General

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