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Dearest Sisters,

At 4:00 this morning, at Queen of Apostles Hospital, Albano, Italy, one of our sisters was called to celebrate the fullness of Easter in heaven:

**CATAPANO GIUSEPPINA – SR. MARIA FIDELIS**  
**born in San Martino in Pensilis (Campobasso), Italy on 18 December 1935.**

Sr. Pinetta (as she was familiarly called) was an unassuming sister who rejoiced and marveled at everything beautiful. After the agony and sufferings that characterized her last days, we can imagine how her face lit up with radiant surprise when she met the Lord.

While still at home with her family, she obtained a diploma as an elementary school teacher and then entered the Congregation in Rome on 5 October 1956. Given her academic preparation, she was assigned as a postulant to work in the sector for non-Pauline editions. Afterward, she was sent to Messina to carry out the diffusion apostolate. She returned to Rome in 1959 to make her novitiate, which concluded with her first profession on 30 June 1960. From 1957-58 and 1960-64, she studied philosophy and theology in Rome. With this educational background, Sr. Pinetta was able to dedicate herself very quickly to teaching our young women in formation, who attended her classes very willingly because Sr. Pinetta's lessons were always creative, lively and interspersed with a lot of jokes.

Afterward, she worked for a time in the Catechetical Office of the Naples diocese, where she also enriched and expanded her own intellectual formation by attending classes at the Education Faculty of the University of Salerno, from which she obtained a Literature Degree with her thesis on "Pauline Editions at the Service of Man."

She continued her teaching apostolate in Benevento and Avellino, returning to Rome in 1980 to make a contribution to SPICS, the International House of Pauline Studies in Social Communications. Teaching was Sr. Pinetta's passion and also her special gift. She was a great help in forming many young FSP candidates and helping them obtain their high school diplomas.


Except for a brief period at Torvaianica, Sr. Pinetta spent the last 40 years of her life in the Divine Providence community (Via Antonino Pio), Rome, where she dedicated herself to work in the editorial department, the periodicals sector and various community services. For a number of years, she wrote the commentaries on the Liturgy for the Sunday leaflet, *La Domenica*, produced by the Society of St. Paul. From 2013-2018, declining health made it necessary for her to limit her apostolic work to small services in the technical apostolate.

We remember Sr. Pinetta as a good and humble sister—a person "without the slightest shred of malice in her" as her formators underscored—a sister who deeply loved the Congregation. In spite of her studies and specializations, Sr. Pinetta remained a modest and unpretentious person, with a simplicity characteristic of the "little ones" in the Gospel. She was also warm and friendly, with a notable sense of humor. Everyone always felt that she welcomed them with love and benevolence. Sr. Pinetta deeply esteemed the sisters who carried out the Pauline apostolate, in which she was not able to participate directly, and showed her appreciation of their activities. She was a person perennially open to innovations, especially those connected to the Pauline mission, and had a deep desire to get to know them better.

Sr. Pinetta lived the last stage of her life under the sign of the cross due to the spread of cancer throughout her body. She offered her sufferings for everyone, and her continual prayers for the many intentions recommended to her were a great witness to her faith and love. Up to the very end, she continued to thank her caregivers for even the smallest services done for her.

Today, Jesus "in person" gently entered her life, her "house," to explain his mystery to her and remain with her forever.

Affectionately,

  
Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan  
Superior General

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