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Dearest Sisters,

Just after midnight on the anniversary of the beatification of our Founder, the Lord visited the infirmary of our Divine Providence community of Alba, Italy to call to himself our sister:

**CAVALLI ASSUNTA – SR. ANGELA
born in Marzabotto (Bologna), Italy on 9 November 1914.**

Sr. Angela entered heaven with the sweetness and serenity that had characterized her all her life. She was a member of the Alba community for the past several years but only in the last few days did her physical condition decline to the point of causing concern. At the age of 94, her heart was simply worn out. But up to the very end Sr. Angela continued to think about others, showing greater concern for the fatigue of her caregivers than for herself. Everyone who knew her says that she was a sister of exceptional goodness and that she will be remembered as a person who attained complete self-fulfillment by living the commandment of love.

The official records of the Institute state that Sr. Angela entered the Congregation on 24 Dec. 1930 in the community of Alba. But this information is contradicted by chronicles of that period, which note that in July of that year she was already an aspirant and that she accompanied Sr. Costanza Grassotto to Bologna to open a community there. Like all our Pauline foundations, the beginnings were very hard. The first "home" of our two missionaries was a room in a nursery school, loaned to them by the sisters of the parish. It is recounted that after their first day of "propaganda," they shared a single egg for supper and made beds for themselves on the floor, lined with the paper in which their boxes of books had been wrapped.

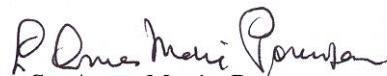
Angela later continued to carry out the diffusion apostolate in Cagliari, Potenza, Salerno, and Reggio Emilia. She made her novitiate in Rome, concluding it with her first profession on 11 February 1938. On that occasion, the Founder invited the newly-professed sisters to sincerely thank God, saying: "This day is the culmination of all your joy and desires: One thing alone I ask, this I seek—to dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life."

Filled with the joy of "dwelling in the house of the Lord," Sr. Angela willingly dedicated herself to the book center apostolate in Reggio Emilia, Bologna and Naples. From 1950-1994, except for a few brief pauses, she served as local superior in the communities of Vercelli, Livorno, Ancona, Brescia, Naples (Capodimonte) and Avellino: more than 40 years of service carried out with kindness, serenity, simplicity and an upright spirit. All the communities she guided blossomed on both the apostolic and communitarian levels because the sisters felt completely accepted, esteemed and accompanied in the their vocational growth.

Sr. Angela's love for beautiful things and her ability to make people feel comfortable made her an ideal person to run "vacation" and "convalescent" communities such as Torvaianica and Rocca di Papa. She transformed these houses into havens of comfort, rest and optimism—creating a serene atmosphere that was reinforced by her love for nature, which moved her to cultivate flowers everywhere.

In 1994, Sr. Angela returned to Bologna, the city in which she had helped to sow the first seeds of the Pauline mission. There she continued to disseminate peace and serenity for another 10 years through the apostolate of hospitality. In 2004 she was transferred to Alba where, like a candle, her gentle and discreet presence filled the community with light, warmth and the fragrance of holiness even as her strength slowly declined. All the FSPs who knew Sr. Angela are unanimous in thanking the Lord for giving her to our Congregation. Now that she rejoices in the sight of God, we entrust to her in a special way all our sisters who carry out the service of authority, asking that they might model themselves on her universal heart—a heart that embraced every sister, every situation and the entire world.

Affectionately,


Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan
Vicar General

Rom, 27 April 2009