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Dearest Sisters,

In these days, the Lord continues to visit us. At 11:45 p.m. yesterday, he knocked on the door of the San Raffaele wing of our Albano, Italy community to call to his eternal light our sister:

**CAVALLIN CLEMENTINA – SR. TEODORA**  
**born in Montebelluna (Treviso), Italy on 21 December 1922**

Sr. Teodora spent her childhood in Montebelluna but in 1933 her family moved to Maremma in Tuscany, to which many residents of the Venice region (including Montebelluna) had been invited to relocate so as to farm the land and improve the economy. This move made a decisive impact on the vocational choices of Sr. Teodora and her sisters, since it put them in touch with the FSP community in Grosseto.

Sr. Teodora entered the Congregation in Rome on 29 May 1939, following in the footsteps of her older sister Rosanna and paving the way for her younger sister, Sr. Flaviana.

She underwent her initial formation in Rome, during which, while still a postulant, she had the joy of helping Sr. M. Placida Cimarelli open the FSP community of San Benedetto del Tronto. The two shared the joys and fatigues of searching for a house, opening a book center and launching the diffusion apostolate.

Following this enriching experience, she was sent to Rome to make her novitiate, which concluded with her first profession on 19 March 1943. Afterward, she was transferred to Modena to carry out “propaganda” to the families.

Sr. Teodora made her perpetual profession in 1948 and then returned to the diffusion apostolate, this time in Ancona. In 1952 the cinema apostolate was launched—an activity that was to give a particular “color” to her Pauline life. In fact, Sr. Teodora worked for more than 20 years in the St. Paul Film Agencies of Livorno, Naples/Capodimonte and Ancona. It was an apostolic service she loved and to which she dedicated herself wholeheartedly. In 1969, in response to her provincial superior’s query as to whether there was any particular apostolic field to which she felt called, she replied that she wanted to continue working in the cinema sector and if possible take some courses to perfect her skills in this field. She wrote: “I would dearly love to specialize in cinema work so as to carry out my apostolate with greater competence.”


But God had a surprise in store for her—one that would open totally new horizons to her. In 1980, Sr. Teodora was transferred to Albano, where first she worked as a general technical assistant and then went on to receive the training necessary to become a radiologist. Assigned to the nuclear medicine sector, she was given the job of double-checking the documents of patients requiring the department’s various services.

She worked in Queen of Apostles Hospital up until 5 years ago, when declining health made it necessary for her to be transferred to the San Raffaele wing of our Albano community. Her quiet, discreet and dignified presence in the community revealed the spirit of faith that animated her.

Sr. Teodora possessed a strong and energetic character, which gradually softened with the passing of time. As she prepared for her passage to eternity, she frequently thanked the Lord for his many gifts to her, and also thanked her caregivers for their assistance.

Recently, Sr. Teodora’s already frail health declined sharply due to a severe case of pneumonia, which hastened her call to eternity. She has now joined her sisters, Sr. Rosanna and Sr. Flaviana, and the many other Paulines of that generation who sought the face of God while on earth and who are now joyfully contemplating him in heaven.

Affectionately,

  
Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan  
Superior General

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