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Dearest Sisters,

Just after 12:30 p.m. today, our heavenly Father visited the infirmary of our Alba, Italy community to call to eternal joy our sister:

**CESCATTI ROSETTA – SR. TARCISIA MARIA**  
**born in Taio (Trent), Italy on 24 June 1929.**

Sr. Tarcisia Maria lived among us disseminating love, kindness and gentleness with great simplicity. The sisters who shared parts of the Pauline journey with her all say that she was a “little angel,” not only because she had established a warm and personal relationship with her guardian angel but also because she herself was a lovable person who strove to communicate peace, communion and goodness wherever she went.

She entered the Congregation in the community of Trent on 13 March 1947 at the age of 17, saying that she wanted to dedicate herself to Jesus, be a useful member of the Institute and save souls through the Pauline apostolate. She carried these desires in her heart all her life and fully realized them. Her resemblance to the “little ones” of the Gospel shone in her sincere and authentic lifestyle, which was as clear and radiant as the beautiful mountain valleys of her birthplace.

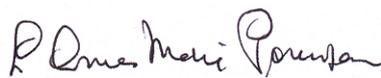
Her initial formation in Alba was very brief and was spent almost entirely in the technical apostolate. As a postulant, she joyfully disseminated the Gospel in the dioceses of Ivrea and Rovigo. She made her novitiate in Rome, concluding it with her first profession on 19 March 1950. From that time up until 1972 she worked in the typography of the large FSP community of Via Antonino Pio, Rome, carrying out her apostolic service with great dedication and precision, but also with considerable fatigue. Because she was so tiny in stature, she had a hard time inserting the metal frames of type impaginated at the linotype into the presses for printing. As a result, she habitually turned to her guardian angel, whispering, “My little angel, help me!” and the necessary assistance always arrived.

Hundreds of young women in formation, both novices and aspirants, learned to love typographical work thanks to the example of Sr. Tarcisia. The typography sector was truly similar to a church, where prayers were incessantly offered that the books being printed would convert the minds and hearts of their readers. The noise of the linotype, the printing presses, and the sewing and cutting machines were all music to the heart of Sr. Tarcisia. She enthusiastically helped to print many significant titles such as the works of the Fathers of the Church, the talks of the Popes, biographies, spiritual reading and catechisms. The Pauline typography in Rome also printed the circular letters and conferences of the Founder and Maestra Thecla and the Institute’s information bulletins. Sr. Tarcisia willingly bore the fatigue of her work without counting the cost, joyful to see the Word of God and the words of our Founders “clothed” in a befitting manner, happy to make her particular contribution to the apostolic activities carried out by the Congregation. From 1973-1975, she lent a hand in the nearby SSP bindery, teaching the formandees how to run their new sewing machine. After this, she worked for about 10 years in the FSP Generalate community (first in Via Laurentina and then in San Giovanni Eudes), making a valuable contribution to various community services.

In 1985, Sr. Tarcisia was transferred to the San Giuseppe community of Alba, where she continued to be a presence of peace and serenity in the bindery of the Motherhouse. In 2003 she was diagnosed as suffering from Alzheimer’s disease and as a result was moved to the infirmary wing, where she could receive the specialized care she needed. She also began to prepare for her definitive meeting with the Lord by surrendering herself more and more into the hands of our heavenly Mother Mary, whom she deeply loved and to whom she offered countless rosaries. At about 10:00 p.m. yesterday, Sr. Tarcisia’s condition took a sudden turn for the worse, leading to her death today.

We offer our heartfelt thanks to “Tarcisietta” for all the good she sowed in our midst, in the certitude that she is now rejoicing in the light of the Lord.

Affectionately,

  
Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan  
Vicar General

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