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Dearest Sisters,

“Our angel has left us!” This was the spontaneous exclamation of our sisters of Albano, Italy when they heard the news that at 4:15 p.m. today one of the members of the San Raffaele (infirmary) wing of the community returned to the arms of God the Father:

COIS MARIA TERESA – SR. MARIA ANGELA
born in Sassari, Italy on 4 October 1929

Sr. Angela entered the Congregation in the community of Cagliari on 27 January 1948. A few months later she was sent to Rome to undergo her initial formation, during which she also worked in the Congregation’s Apostolic Center. Afterward, she carried out capillary diffusion in Massa and Livorno. She returned to Rome to make her novitiate, concluding this stage of her formation journey with her first profession on 19 March 1951. For the next 13 years, she made a valuable contribution to the Apostolic Center in Rome. Gifted with a dependable and conscientious personality, she was assigned to the FSP administration office in Rome in 1964 and then, in 1976, was transferred to Alba to carry out the same service. To refine her skills, she obtained a diploma in accounting in 1976.

In 1981, in a spirit of faith and obedience, Sr. Angela accepted the Superior General’s request to work in the administration office of Queen of Apostles Hospital, Albano. It was not an easy assignment for her but she embraced it with great readiness to do the will of God. In 1990, she wrote: “When I was told that Albano was in great need and was asked if I would accept a transfer to that Delegation, I said *yes* with as much generosity as possible because I am convinced that we have to show our love of God concretely, by means of our deeds. And I have to say that in spite of all the problems and sufferings (some of which were very big), I have found great joy and peace in my life here. I continue to experience this peace on a daily basis. I am very happy to make my contribution to this delegation and I hope my service has been positive and constructive, even though I know it has been very small.”

Sr. Angela spent the last 35 years of her life in the Albano community, irradiating goodness, peace and communion to all. She was very vigilant and precise in carrying out her administration activities, striving to disseminate harmony and benevolence around her, ever-ready to put in extra hours of work when necessary, always positive in outlook, capable of reading every situation in the light of faith.

She served as councilor of the Albano delegation for two terms and for another 15 years held the office of delegation bursar. She was fully involved in the life of the community: a model to everyone of observance, always present for times of prayer, community meetings, the preparation of feasts and various celebrations. Sr. Angela did not speak much but her wholehearted dedication and deep sense of responsibility to the Pauline life made her one of the unifying centers of the community. Her luminous gaze revealed her love for her vocation, for the Institute and for each sister. When she spoke, her words were always filled with encouragement, gratitude and goodness.

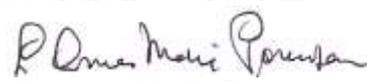
In 2010, Sr. Angela was appointed community bursar while at the same time continuing to carry out her work in the hospital’s administration office until 2013. The lay people with whom she collaborated all remember her with great esteem, respect and appreciation.

About three years ago, she was transferred to the San Raffaele wing of the Albano community due to declining health as a result of Parkinson’s disease. In the last period of her life, this malady stiffened her throat muscles, making it very hard for her to eat.

Sr. Angela’s life was consumed like a candle whose perfume rose like incense to the Father—a prayer of praise and intercession for the salvation of all people. A few days ago, she assured several visiting sisters that she was praying for them, saying: “I’m putting all of you in my ‘virtual chalice’!”

We hope she has also placed the rest of us in that “chalice” as today, the Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time, she accepted the Liturgy’s invitation to “exult and be glad,” to “nourish herself on the milk of God’s comfort,” and to immerse herself in the river of peace of the new Jerusalem.

Affectionately,


Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan
Superior General

Rome, 3 July 2016