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Dearest Sisters,

This morning the Divine Master visited our St. Joseph Community, Alba, Italy to call to the “shores of peace and joy” our sister:

CORDERO SR. ADELE
born in Priocca (Cuneo), Italy on 23 October 1928.

Sr. Adele had not been feeling well for the past several days and so had been getting up later than usual. This morning, when the local superior went to her room to bring her communion, she found our sister dead. In keeping with her style of life, Sr. Adele left us silently and peacefully, not saying goodbye but leaving us the precious legacy of the perfume of her virtues. We can well say that Sr. Adele lived among us doing good, without drawing attention to herself, dedicating herself to hard work and prayer.

She entered the Congregation in Alba on 23 September 1947. After a period of formation, she was sent to Rome to make her novitiate, which concluded with her first profession on 19 March 1950. As a young professed, she experienced the joys and labors of capillary diffusion in the diocese of Ancona. Following this, she was transferred to Milan where she spent the next 20 years working in the St. Paul Film Agency, double-checking the films that were returned each week by the local parishes and schools.

Beginning in 1970, Sr. Adele was stationed for about 10 years in the Verona community and then in the provincial house in Rome, where she worked in the laundry and took care of the household linens. After this, she was transferred to our Motherhouse in Alba, where she was assigned to the bindery. When the St. Joseph community (located in the Alba complex) was opened in 1986, she was one of the first sisters to be transferred there. And it was from this beloved community that the Lord called her to the joys of eternal life.

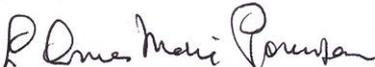
The sisters who lived with Sr. Adele over the years remember the love with which she carried out her duties in the laundry room, the ironing room and, for the last 15 years of her life, in the refectory. At this point her legs were giving out and she moved around with a walker but she continued to be attentive to the needs of the other sisters with a truly maternal spirit, making sure that they did not lack anything, carrying out her services discreetly, cordially and quietly.

Her recollected behavior was a sign of her profound union with the Lord, even in the midst of her many daily activities. It is probable that her heart echoed with the words spoken by the Founder during the course of spiritual exercises she made in preparation for her first profession: “Are we striving to unite our hearts always more closely to Jesus?” he asked. “Do the things the Lord loves and wants dominate our hearts? Do we love God and souls? Is love for God and union [with him] increasing in us day by day? You were planted alongside the Tabernacle—the spring of living water from which souls draw nourishment, holy thoughts and love.... When this happens, then the plant grows and its love becomes stronger....”

Sr. Adele’s life was truly planted in the life of Jesus and her love grew stronger and stronger, to the point that she was ready for her definitive meeting with her Spouse.

The words she wrote in her request to be admitted to first profession have been fulfilled: “I know I am very unworthy,” she said, “but I will do everything with good will and, counting on the help of God, I hope to become a worthy Daughter of St. Paul.” Now, along with the thousands of sisters and brothers of the Pauline Family in heaven, Sr. Adele has received the reward promised to good apostles, who believe the Lord will fulfill his promise.

Affectionately,


Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan
Superior General

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