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Dearest Sisters,

We just received the news that at 1:30 a.m. last night, the Divine Master visited our Cidade Regina community of Sao Paulo, Brazil, to call to his eternal light our sister:

CORRARELLO SR. ELZA MARIA
born in Capivari (SP), Brazil on 27 October 1932.

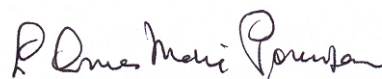
About a month ago, Sr. Elza Maria's health took a sudden downward turn, making it necessary for her to be admitted to Bandeirantes Hospital in Sao Paulo. Toward the end of June the doctors discovered that she was suffering from a tumor already in an advanced stage. She lived the last weeks of her life undergoing various treatments, including chemotherapy, in the hope of a recovery, but yesterday her condition worsened. Clear of mind, and fully aware of her situation, she placed herself in the hands of God the Father, surrounded by the prayers and affection of the sisters of her community, who were especially supportive in this period.

Sr. Elza Maria entered the Congregation in the community of Domingos de Morais (Sao Paulo) on 30 January 1957. She was 25 years old and thus considered a "mature vocation" for that time. She was immediately given the chance to continue her academic studies by way of courses held within the Institute. She made her novitiate in the DM community, concluding it with her first profession on 30 June 1961. This year (2011) she celebrated her Golden Jubilee of religious profession but because of her health situation the anniversary was commemorated quietly in her hospital room, in the awareness that the Lord was preparing a much more magnificent celebration for her in the joy of his Kingdom.

As a young professed, Sr. Elza first worked in the technical apostolate in Sao Paulo and then carried out capillary and collective diffusion in Uruguayana, a frontier town rich in material goods but poor in faith. In 1972 she was assigned to the Salvador book center. Two years later, she returned to Domingos de Morais, where she worked in the graphics department and corrected page proofs. Her talents were well suited to this hidden apostolate, which she carried out for the next 10 years and which enabled her to put her studies in philosophy and literature to good use. Contemporaneously, she managed the shipping department and gathered subscriptions to "Familia Crista" magazine. From 1996 up until just a few years ago she worked at the reception desk of the DM community, where she provided discreet and attentive hospitality to relatives, friends and benefactors of the Congregation.

Sr. Elza Maria was a good, intelligent and simple sister. She loved poverty and lived her Pauline vocation by quietly carrying out her daily duties to the best of her ability, putting her own needs and preferences in second place. Her life reminds us of the "earthen vessels" that contain a great treasure. Sr. Elza was a vessel through which the light of the Gospel shone brightly, a vessel that allowed everyone to see that the extraordinary power of the Pauline vocation is a treasure and gift of God. Like Paul, our sister did not proclaim herself but Jesus Christ, her Lord, to whom she dedicated all her energies every day of her life.

United in the hope of the resurrection and with warm best wishes,


Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan
Vicar General

Rome, 26 July 2011