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Dearest Sisters,

At 1:00 a.m. last night, the Lord visited the San Raffaele wing of our Albano, Italy community to call to eternal light our sister:

**CORREGGIOLI – SR. RENATA MARIA  
born in Ferrara, Italy on 6 March 1926.**

Sr. Renata was a Pauline missionary who lived with deep faith and courage the different duties that divine Providence entrusted to her little by little over the years. Above all, she was urged on by the desire to do the will of God always and everywhere. She entered the Congregation in the community of Alba on 20 August 1946 and carried out the diffusion apostolate in Alessandria and Novara. In 1949 she went to Rome to make her novitiate, which concluded with her first profession on 19 March 1950.

In July 1951, Sr. Renata was asked to make a big leap of faith: she was sent as a missionary to the Philippines, where she would dedicate herself in a special way to formation. When she and Sr. Donata Bugnola embarked for Manila, they took with them a brand new printing press that would help to carry out the technical apostolate more professionally. During her first years there, Sr. Renata worked in the typesetting department and helped to print the circumscription's first book, "Miss Filipina," a translation of the Italian best seller, "Laughing Youth." But most of her 16 years in the Philippines were spent carrying out the service of novice mistress in the communities of Pasay and Lipa.

These were important years in which she had several chances to meet Maestra Thecla and Fr. Alberione during their visits to Asia. On one of those occasions, Fr. Alberione, who had been her spiritual director from the time she entered the Institute, said: "Blessed are the communities that count Sr. Lily [Sr. Renata's profession name] as one of their members."

Maestra Thecla wrote letter brimming over with affection to Sr. Renata and the novices. One, written from Sydney, Australia in 1962, read: "My poor heart is torn each time I leave a community and this is exactly what happened when I left yours. But let's be brave! In heaven, there will be no more suffering. I carry you all in my heart. I want you all to become saints!" Prima Maestra's last letter to Sr. Renata is dated 31 Oct. 1963, just a few days before the last attack of her illness. With a trembling hand, she wrote that our Filipino novices were in her prayers and that she loved them very much.

In 1967, Sr. Renata was transferred to Mumbai, India where she carried out the service of novice mistress for another 8 years. Although she always felt that she did not have enough training to do this work well, she was sustained by the conviction that the Lord helps those who are humble and poor. She left her own special "imprint" on the formation she imparted to the sisters entrusted to her, who continued to remember her affectionately throughout the years and to remain in touch with her in countless ways.

In 1975, Sr. Renata returned to Italy, where she was assigned first to the Generalate community and then to Ferrara. In 1978 she was transferred once again, this time to Albano, where up until a few years ago she worked in the hospital's administration office. Her sunny personality and ability to make the sisters smile were proverbial and she often staged small skits for them, one of which was her unforgettable interpretation of Laurel and Hardy. A true artist, she was able to rise above herself so as to bring serenity and joy to her community.

As Sr. Renata's health declined and she required more care, she was transferred to the San Raffaele wing of the Albano community. She spent the last years of her life there, expressing her gratitude for every small service performed for her. A serious form of pneumonia hastened her meeting with the Lord—a moment for which she had been preparing since her youth. When she celebrated her 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of religious profession in 2010, she wrote: "I don't have much time left. Help me to grow in love for the Lord." This was Sr. Renata's deepest desire and the great thrust of her life: to grow in love by carrying out the will of God to the very end. Affectionately,

  
Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan  
Superior General

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