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Dearest Sisters,

We received the news that at about 7:00 p.m. yesterday the Divine Master visited our Divine Providence community, Rome, Italy, to call to contemplate his glory for all eternity our sister:

**CUTRUPI SR. MARIANNA (ANNA MARIA)
born in Armo di Gallina (Reggio Calabria), Italy on 27 June 1938.**

Sr. Anna Maria was a sister who greatly enriched our Congregation and the whole Pauline Family through her profound sensitivity to artistic and spiritual matters. She was an apostle in love with the Word, above all Jesus Word. Through teaching, animation activities, governing services and the *lectio divina*, she tirelessly proclaimed the beauty of the Face she had learned to love in her youth.

She entered the Congregation in Rome on 7 October 1955. After several years dedicated to study and the itinerant apostolate in San Benedetto del Tronto, she made her novitiate in Rome, concluding it with her first profession on 30 June 1959. Sr. Anna Maria's cultural preparation enabled her to attend with great fruit the Maria Assunta Teaching Institute, from which she received a Master's Degree in Literature in 1966, with a thesis entitled, *The Iconography of Jesus Master in the First Millennium of Christian Art*. It was precisely this thesis that gave direction to her whole life and made her a true "woman of the Word," an expert in the iconography of the Divine Master and in the passionate knowledge of his Face.

In 1968, after several brief apostolic experiences in Reggio Emilia, Avellino and Lugano, Sr. Anna Maria was appointed mistress of Juniors, first in Rome and then in Palermo. Later, after an interval at the Pauline Catechetical Center in Rome, she was entrusted in 1975 with a small group of novices who resided in Arezzo and then in Alba.

With profound joy, she lived for a short time in our small Asti community, but in 1978 she was called to guide the sisters involved in a time of renewal at the Motherhouse. Following this, she was asked to serve as provincial councilor for spirituality. At the end of her mandate, she returned to Asti, after which she was assigned to the Province's House of Prayer in Cicogna (Arezzo), which welcomed many groups of FSPs making their spiritual exercises. In 1992, Sr. Anna Maria resumed with great satisfaction contact with the people through the book center apostolate in Cagliari. From there she was transferred to the Provincialate house and then to the Castro Pretorio community, both in Rome, to continue her ministry of providing our sisters, communities and lay cooperators with spiritual animation.

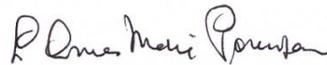
She tirelessly traveled all over Italy by train to reach various groups of cooperators and share with them the wealth of the Word by means of animations that flowed from both her lips and heart. Contemporaneously with this, she was asked to guide courses of spiritual exercises in various FSP circumscriptions. And we will never forget the zeal with which she joined other Pauline sisters and brothers in preparing a great vigil in the Basilica of St. Paul to celebrate the Beatification of our Founder.

Sr. Anna Maria will also be remembered as a competent teacher of literature and art history. Her warm and penetrating words captivated her students and encouraged the learning process. She also tutored many sisters privately before they sat for exams to obtain different scholastic degrees. But the masterpiece of her apostolic activity was her in-depth study of Jesus Master and her commitment to disseminating a true "culture" of the Pauline spiritual exercises by launching the preparation of study aids that were very much appreciated on the level of the whole Pauline Family.

In 2009, Sr. Anna Maria had the chance to participate in the Pauline Family's annual Charism Course, but the signs of Alzheimer's disease were already beginning to emerge and not long afterward it was necessary to move her to the infirmary of our Via Antonino Pio complex, Rome. She spent the last years of her life in silence and simplicity, serenely offering the Lord, even if unknowingly, her most cherished good: her keen intelligence and her ability to lovingly penetrate in greater depth the mystery of God and his Word.

We entrust these last days of the Chapter to her, who participated in our 9th General Chapter and contributed to its preparation. May the magisterium of her entire life help us to focus on the one Good necessary and to concentrate our reflections and proclamation on the person of Jesus, the sole Treasure for all of us.

Affectionately,


Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan
Superior General

Rome, 28 September 2019