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Dearest Sisters,

At about 7:00 p.m. today, the Eternal Shepherd of souls visited the James Alberione community of Albano, Italy to call to his “pastures” of joy and peace our sister:

**DAL CORSO TERESA – SR. LUCIA**  
**born in Lugo di Grezzana (Verona), Italy on 12 April 1921.**

We can truly say that Sr. Lucia went to heaven praying ardently for the gift of vocations up to the very last moment of her life. We believe that she disembarked on the “other shore” joyfully, her face illuminated by a smile, looking forward to meeting her Spouse and to seeing once again the many dear sisters, relatives and friends who had preceded her to eternity. Sr. Lucia was a very loving person and the love she received from her Lord and Master she poured out, in her turn, on her sisters and on everyone she met in the course of carrying out the Pauline mission. It was a very particular mission in that she spent most of her religious life as local superior of various communities of Italy.

Sr. Lucia entered the Congregation in Alba on 6 Sept. 1945 at the age of 24, paving the way for her sister, Sr. Marcellina, who followed in her footsteps four years later. During her period of initial formation, Sr. Lucia carried out the propaganda apostolate in Ivrea. She made her novitiate in Rome, concluding it with her first profession on 19 March 1948.

After 7 years in Rimini as a propagandist, she began her long tenure as superior—an office she carried out almost without interruption for 45 years. In fact, it concluded only in 2001 when serious health problems prevented her from continuing this service.

Sr. Lucia was deeply loved by all the sisters she accompanied in the communities of San Benedetto, Cremona, Como, Arezzo, Foggia, Avellino, Perugia, Cicogna and Rocca di Papa. Her “pedagogy” was simple and concrete, founded on great goodness and the ability to appreciate and promote the gifts of every person in her care. With Sr. Lucia, community life was joyous and “colorful” due to the abundance of flowers she cultivated assiduously and then scattered around the house. We will never forget the flowerbeds and gardens of Cicogna and Rocca di Papa, which flourished under her “golden touch” and gave glory to God. Nor will we forget her good humor, hearty laughter and wit, along with her sincere compassion for people, especially needy families and individuals going through trials. Sr. Lucia participated in the sufferings of others to the point of sharing their tears. Her big heart welcomed everyone with great love and goodness, in a spirit of self-offering.

Sr. Lucia’s almost continual service as superior prevented her from taking time out for personal renewal or study. But this was not a problem for her. In 1969, she wrote to her provincial superior to express her complete availability to the will of God, saying: “I have no preferences concerning what house I am assigned to or what work I am asked to do. I want to serve God with the same ideal that motivated my entrance into the Congregation and my religious profession.”

Sr. Lucia spent the last segment of her life first carrying out various household duties in the Via Bosio community of Rome and then, from 2006 onward, in the Thecla Merlo and James Alberione communities of Albano.

Her radiant face, even in the last days of her life, witnessed to the wealth of her faith and her profound self-surrender to the Lord. By now, she yearned only for heaven—a desire she repeated continually to the sisters who visited her during her final hospitalization at Albano. She returned to her community just a few days before her death, aware that her heart was failing rapidly and that her definitive encounter with the Lord was imminent.

We thank Sr. Lucia for her witness to self-donation and love and we entrust to her all our sisters who carry out the service of authority, asking her to teach them how to de-dramatize situations, forgive others and love everyone up to the ultimate gift of self. Affectionately,

  
Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan  
Vicar General

Rome, 23 November 2011