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Dearest Sisters,

At 12:30 p.m. today, while the bells of Queen of Apostles Sanctuary were ringing the Angelus, the Guardian Angels visited the Divine Providence community of Via Antonino Pio, Rome, Italy to take home to heaven our sister:

DE CAROLIS INES – SR. MARIA GIUDITTA
born in Altidona (Ascoli Piceno), Italy on 14 March 1919.

We can truly say that the angels guarded Sr. M. Giuditta's life and that she listened to them with great generosity and love. With them at her side, she was not afraid to face any problem and with their help she allowed herself to be guided along the paths of God.

Sr. M. Giuditta entered the Congregation in the community of Ancona on 9 August 1935 at the age of 16. Everything was poor and simple in that house, which was experiencing the difficulties typical of the beginnings of our foundations, but the sisters were overflowing with apostolic enthusiasm and Sr. M. Giuditta was powerfully drawn by this. After a year spent disseminating the Word of God in the dioceses of the area, the young aspirant was transferred to Florence, where she continued the demanding propaganda apostolate in this Tuscan capital and its surrounding towns.

In February 1939 she was sent to Rome to make her novitiate, which concluded with her first profession on 3 March 1940. That year of prayer and deeper study of the consecrated life was practically the only period of Sr. M. Giuditta's life that she was able to dedicate to her personal formation. As a young professed, she returned to the propaganda apostolate in the dioceses of Ancona and Pescara. From 1941-1972, except for a brief period in Lecce, she was a member of the Divine Providence community, Rome, where she worked with great intensity and precision in the large sewing room. How many stitches she set in the long black habits that she made with great love and joy for the numerous groups of sisters preparing for their Vestition! And each stitch was accompanied by a prayer, an ejaculation, a lifting of her heart to heaven. A serious and responsible person, strong and at the same time gentle, Sr. M. Giuditta sometimes intimidated the sisters who met her for the first time. But they quickly discovered that she was a very generous person who deeply loved her Pauline vocation and superiors. She emanated a spirit of prayer, great commitment to the spiritual life, love for the Pauline mission, and continual intercession for the needs of the world, the Church and the Congregation.

In 1972, Sr. M. Giuditta was transferred to the nearby Divine Master community (part of the same Via Antonino Pio complex), where she worked at the address machine in the shipping department, sending out our Pauline periodicals to all corners of the world. She also donated herself lovingly and generously to various community services such as cook, seamstress and infirmarian. She was very attentive to the needs of every sister, prompt to provide whatever was necessary for each one's health. She loved the Divine Master community—the community in which Maestra Thecla had lived for many years—and it was a great sacrifice for her to accept a transfer back to the Divine Providence community in 2010.

But at this point Sr. Giuditta's health was declining due to serious heart and lung problems. During the last month of her life she grew steadily worse, reaching the point that she was no longer able to eat. Her physical strength completely spent, she went to meet her Lord and Master serenely and peacefully. And the Father, in his mysterious providence, sent his angels to guard her trip to heaven and defend her as she passed to the "other shore" where she can now contemplate forever the face of the One whom she always sought, yearned for and invoked.

Affectionately,


Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan
Superior General

Rome, 2 October 2013