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Dearest Sisters,

Today, right after the midday meal, the Lord visited our Divine Providence community, Rome, Italy to invite one of our sisters to enjoy forever the marvels of his salvation:

**DI CESARE ANGELA – SR. MARIA FELICINA
born in Frosolone (Isernia), Italy on 2 May 1935.**

Sr. Felicina was a sister who enriched our communities with her simplicity and goodness, generosity and love for the Congregation, commitment to an authentic religious life and love for Pauline poverty. Above all, she taught us to be apostles at all times: in health and in sickness, in the concrete effort to take the Word to others, and in services carried out quietly, behind the scenes.

She entered the Congregation on 15 November 1957 in the community of Alba and from the outset she expressed her vocational maturity and sense of responsibility as she learned the art of book-binding, especially the gilding of missals and prayer books.

She made her novitiate in Rome, concluding this stage of her formation with her first profession on 30 June 1961. It was an occasion that enabled her to manifest her joy at having been called to the Pauline life and also her desire to always be as malleable as a handkerchief in the hands of her superiors. Like a handkerchief, she was docile and obedient, serenely and joyously embracing the duties that were little by little entrusted to her, even when these were difficult and not very satisfying. During her novitiate and Juniorate, she worked in the laundry room of the Divine Providence community, Rome, which at that time numbered more than 400 members. And for about 4 years after that, she worked in the kitchen and vegetable garden. Everyone was struck by her serenity and humility, her gratitude and praise for all that the Lord had given her.

In 1975, Sr. Felicina was asked to serve as an agent for our FSP editions. With great enthusiasm, she visited the many lay book centers of the Lazio region, prompt to explore the new paths the Spirit was opening to the Word. Afterward in the Via Flaminio Ponzio and Via Arcadia communities, she discovered the beauty of living in a small community where all the members carried out different initiatives together.


In 1981, she had the grace to take a renewal course in Alba. Following this, she was assigned to the Ariccia-Galloro community and then to the Thecla Merlo community, Albano, where she assisted our sick and senior sisters.

From 1984-1986, Sr. Felicina carried out the service of cook in the Provincialate community, after which she was assigned to Cicogno (Arezzo)—the retreat house of the Italian province, where the sisters made their annual spiritual exercises. For her, this was an unforgettable time—a period she later looked back upon with great pleasure.

In 1992, Sr. Felicina returned to the Divine Providence community, Rome, where she once again dedicated herself to work in the laundry and also carried out the service of wardrobe mistress. In 2004, she joined the group of elderly sisters who crafted small objects for the apostolate. But by this time Sr. Felicina's health was declining so she spent the last 8 years of her life in the community's infirmary, uplifting her surroundings with her smile and gentle personality. Up to the end, she lived in wholehearted gratitude to God for gifting her with Pauline vocation, which had enriched her life with numerous graces and great beauty.

Sr. Felicina was a precious gift of God to us and now we entrust her to the mercy of God the Father, asking him to welcome her to heaven and bless her with the fullness of new life.

Affectionately,


Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan
Superior General

Rome, 30 January 2019