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Dearest Sisters,

At 8:20 this evening the Divine Master visited the James Alberione community, Albano, Italy to lead to his eternal dwelling place our sister:

DI CINTIO MARIA – SR. SAVINA
born in Pescara, Italy on 20 November 1922.

Sr. Savina had been unable to eat for the past two weeks. The Lord called her to himself in the silence of the night, almost as if he wanted to respect her style of life, which was simple, humble and rich in faith.

Sr. Savina entered the Congregation in the community of Rome on 17 January 1939 and was immediately set to work in the typography. She made part of her postulancy in Alba and then returned to Rome for her novitiate, which concluded with her first profession on 19 March 1943. As a young professed she generously carried out the propaganda apostolate in Aosta and Ivrea. She also lived in the Motherhouse for several non-consecutive years, where she worked in the technical apostolate.

In 1957, Sr. Savina fell ill and spent the next two years undergoing treatment at Albano. She received the grace of a complete cure, after which she dedicated herself with great fervor to apostolic work in the St. Paul Film Agencies of Ancona, Reggio Emilia and Arezzo. Her apostolate consisted of verifying the films returned by schools and parishes—a work she carried out with great precision and patience. It was common to see her, especially in Reggio Emilia, zipping through the city on her bicycle, laden with the “sweet” burden of films to be delivered.

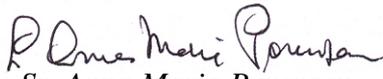
After this period, Sr. Savina worked for several years in the stockroom of our Palermo book center, following which she was placed in charge of various household duties, which she performed with great love and dedication. She spent the last 20 years of her life in Cagliari, and the members of that community remember with deep emotion not only her generosity but also her sense of humor and witty comments that helped to de-dramatize difficult situations.

In spite of her failing eyesight and the aches and pains of advancing age, Sr. Savina was a warm and welcoming presence in her community and completely involved in its life. Her fidelity to prayer steadily refined her character, making her always more beautiful in the eyes of God and of her sisters. During this time, she took care above all of the sacristy and laundry room, where she kept everything dust-free and in perfect order. She would have liked to continue working in the book center to the degree that her health permitted, but she serenely and gracefully accepted the will of God that she renounce direct contact with the people and work behind the scenes. In April 2014, she accepted with the same serenity the proposal to transfer her to the James Alberione community of Albano. She immediately got to know the sisters and lay staff there and had a kind and affectionate word for everyone, thanking them over and over again for all the services carried out for her with great benevolence. In fact, up to the end of her life her favorite phrase was *thank you*.

Sr. Savina was an apostle who lived the “martyrology of love” that the Founder spoke of: “The Daughters of St. Paul have a kind of ‘martyrology’—the ‘martyrology of love.’ Many of your sisters have already passed to eternity after having dedicated all their energies to the apostolate.”

We thank God the Father for the many Daughters of St. Paul who have swelled the ranks of the Pauline Family in heaven and who are now savoring to the full, for all eternity, “the abundant wealth of grace” that already enwraps our lives here on earth.

With deep affection,


Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan
Superior General

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