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Dearest Sisters,

At about 6:30 p.m. yesterday, the Divine Master visited the San Camillo Clinic of Buenos Aires, Argentina to call to her eternal reward our sister:

**GODOY RAMONA OLGA – SR. MARIA CRISTINA**  
**born in Derqui-Empedrado (Corrientes), Argentina on 25 October 1928.**

Sr. M. Cristina entered the Congregation on 28 Oct. 1958 as an exception to the rule because she was 30 years old at the time and thus over the age limit. Her ten years' experience as a teacher prior to her entrance served her in good stead in that it helped her assimilate the wealth of the Pauline charism more profoundly. After 7 months as an aspirant, she received the religious habit. She made her novitiate in Buenos Aires, concluding it with her first profession on 30 June 1960.

Sr. M. Cristina loved her Pauline vocation very much and gave herself to the Lord unconditionally, in a spirit of simplicity and generosity. She was always ready to do whatever was asked of her in obedience. She had a great ability to communicate with and guide others and was able to use this gift in the various apostolic activities entrusted to her. In Buenos Aires, she was on the editorial staff of the *Family Magazine*; in Montevideo, Uruguay, she joyfully carried out capillary and collective diffusion; in Resistencia and Chaco, she worked in the book center. For almost 15 years she served as provincial secretary and translated material from Italian into Spanish, although she had never spent a significant period of time in Italy. She was truly a self-taught person, who sought in every way possible to deepen her apostolic preparation, taking advantage of the gifts of nature and grace bestowed on her by the Lord. A cheerful and good-hearted sister, she continually sought occasions to help the other members of her community maintain a joyful spirit. Her efforts in this regard ranged from the careful preparation of communal liturgies and feasts to spontaneous skits and games. In the 1970's, she wrote to her provincial superior from Montevideo: "We are all making the effort to live as good Paulines—sisters after the heart of Christ. I am convinced that if we live our consecration well, in the Pauline spirit, God will send us the grace of holy vocations."

The apostolic activity that left the deepest mark on Sr. Cristina's life was the time she spent as station manager of Radio Solidaridad, the diocesan radio of Anatuya, in the early 1990's. She conducted the station's morning programs and its program for children with great enthusiasm and creativity, delighted that the programs were eagerly followed by the station's simple and pious listeners. In the last stage of her life, she returned to Anatuya to work in our book center, where she quickly found a place in the hearts of the people because of her warm manner and willingness to listen to them.

About a year ago, Sr. Cristina was transferred to Nazca (Buenos Aires) to undergo treatment for colon cancer. With great courage she underwent surgery, hoping for a cure. She wanted to live long enough to celebrate her Golden Jubilee of profession in thanksgiving to the Lord for her Pauline vocation. God granted her this gift but three months later the tumor emerged once again, even more aggressively than before. Aware of the risks involved, she nevertheless opted for a second operation which appeared to go well but, unfortunately a few days ago complications developed. This turn of events did not find Sr. Cristina unprepared. In fact, she was ready for her definitive meeting with the Lord and on Christmas day told her sisters that she was in peace and very happy to think that she would soon be celebrating the eternal wedding feast in heaven.

In asking to be admitted to perpetual profession, Sr. Cristina had written: "I am confident that the One who began this good work in me will bring it to completion, so that one day I will be able to say with St. Paul: 'It is no longer I who live but Christ who lives in me.'" That moment arrived today for our sister. Purified and perfected by her intense sufferings, she has now reached fulfillment as a "Pauline forever." Affectionately,

Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan  
Vicar General

Rome, 30 December 2010