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Dearest Sisters,

Today, Thursday, the day on which we pray in a special way for vocations, God the Father visited the Intensive Care Unit of St. Camillus Hospital, Buenos Aires, Argentina to call home to heaven our sister:

**KLOSTER ROSA – SR. MARIA VERONICA  
born in Gena (Entre Rios), Argentina on 29 August 1938.**

Sr. M. Veronica grew up on a farm, a member of a beautiful family, in which she learned to recite the rosary daily and cultivate a profound devotion to the Eucharist. She liked to recall incidents from her childhood, such as when the whole family would leave home at 4:00 a.m. to get to Mass on time. She entered the Congregation in the Nazca community, Buenos Aires, on 4 October 1952, at the age of 14, following in the footsteps of her older siblings, Sr. M. Monica, fsp, and her brother, who had become an SSP Disciple. She underwent her period of initial formation and her novitiate in Nazca, concluding this stage of her Pauline journey with her first profession on 29 June 1958. Her heart vibrating with joy, she wrote on that occasion: “I am very happy to be a Daughter of St. Paul and to belong to this Congregation where I can dedicate all my energies to a very noble cause.”

As a Junior, Sr. M. Veronica carried out capillary and collective propaganda in the dioceses of Buenos Aires and Santa Fe. Immediately after her perpetual profession, she was appointed superior of the Rosario community. Following this, she worked in the Resistencia, Santa Fe and Cordoba book centers and also organized Bible Days and Weeks in the parishes. With true apostolic passion, Sr. M. Veronica and the other sisters who carried out these missions were continually “going forth” as pilgrims of the Gospel to various cities to teach people the importance of the Word of God and how to read it in depth. She looked back on that period with nostalgia, calling it “the most beautiful time of my life.” In fact, those Bible missions left an indelible mark on her thanks to the communion created among the members of the apostolic team, who dedicated themselves to satisfying the thirst of the Argentinian people for the Word of God.


Following this, Sr. M. Veronica was appointed superior of the Mendoza community, after which she served as local bursar in Tucuman. It was in this last community that she also began to enthusiastically carry out the ministry of vocation directress. Because she loved her own vocation so profoundly, Sr. M. Veronica wanted other young women to experience the joy of belonging to the Lord and of dedicating themselves to the Pauline mission. In view of this, she helped to guide monthly retreats for young women and various courses of annual spiritual exercises for the sisters. She also met personally with young women interested in the Pauline life so as to share with them the wealth she carried in her heart. Sr. M. Veronica had the chance to assimilate this important ministry more profoundly when she participated in the International Meeting for Vocationists and Postulant Formators, held in Rome in 1988.

When she returned to her own circumscription, she served as Aspirant Formator in Buenos Aires for 3 years, after which she once again was appointed superior of the Resistencia and then the Santa Fe communities. When these mandates ended, she returned to the book center apostolate for as long as her health permitted, welcoming clients with great warmth and solicitude, and tirelessly helping them find the right books to foster their spiritual growth.

Five years ago, while still relatively young, Sr. M. Veronica serenely accepted the cross the Lord asked her to bear with him: a deteriorating health situation that quickly reduced her to a wheel chair. She offered everything to the Father for the intentions of the Congregation and for vocations.

Sr. M. Veronica was hospitalized a few days ago due to an infection that endangered her heart and lungs and today the Lord, with great compassion, tapped her on the shoulder, took her by the hand and led her to eternal life.

Affectionately,

  
Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan  
Superior General

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