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Dearest Sisters,

We received the news that at 2:45 a.m. last night, the Divine Master visited St. Camillus Hospital, Buenos Aires, Argentina to take home to heaven our sister:

**KUHN SR. TERESA**  
**born in Colonia Sant'Anita (Entre Rios), Argentina on 10 August 1928.**

Sr. Teresa entered the Congregation at the age of eleven on 10 October 1939, even though she herself said she entered in 1937, mainly because she wanted to continue her education. But in reality, she never did continue her studies because from the very beginning she dedicated herself to the hard work that accompanied the Institute's foundation period in Argentina. She loved to recall those years, even though they were characterized by many sacrifices and privations. For instance, she said she would go out on propaganda every day in spite of foot problems that made it very hard for her to walk. She also worked in the typography and even sold milk to help support the fledging Pauline community.

She made her novitiate in San Miguel and concluded it with her first profession in Buenos Aires on 8 December 1945. She was 17 years old at the time. Afterward, she carried out the propaganda apostolate in Santa Fe and Rosario. She then spent almost 30 years as the driver and errand-runner of the Laval community, Buenos Aires, which was the headquarters of the St. Paul Film Agency and the Family magazine. She was one of the first women drivers in the country at a time when to see a sister behind the wheel of a car was almost a scandal.

In 1978, Sr. Teresa was transferred to the Nazca community in Buenos Aires, where she first worked in the administration office, then in the book center, and then carried out various household duties. Her spirit of service and attention to the needs of the sisters were proverbial. She was equally at ease in the kitchen, where she prepared many German specialties, at the reception desk or in the sacristy. In fact, she carried out the service of sacristan for more than 60 years, lovingly preparing vases of flowers to adorn the chapel, attentively caring for the liturgical vestments and linens, and welcoming with great respect the priests who came to celebrate Mass.

As the FSPs little by little opened new book centers around the country, Sr. Teresa was very solicitous in helping to prepare all that was needed to launch the apostolate in each new place. She was a quiet, kind-hearted person, with a ready smile slightly tinged with melancholy. She deeply regretted that she was not present when her mother died. Because of her maturity and sense of responsibility, she was asked to keep in close contact with a great benefactor of the Congregation, whom all the FSPs of Argentina called "our Godmother." We can say that Sr. Teresa was a walking record of the Institute's history in Argentina. She remembered the entrance of each sister, the foundation of each house, the visits of Fr. Alberione and Maestra Thecla, and the many congregational events in which she had participated.

As her health weakened and became more precarious, Sr. Teresa underwent several operations, including cardiac surgery, and in the last years of her life she was frequently hospitalized for serious heart and lung problems. This past March she fell down and broke her leg. She also underwent surgery to replace a knee prosthetic and although the operation was successful, her doctor said she would never walk again. After that, Sr. Teresa's health began to rapidly decline. Confined to her bed, she nevertheless remained serene, warmly welcoming everyone who came to visit her and continually thanking the nurses who lovingly assisted her.

We want to entrust to Sr. Teresa's intercession our new Province of Southern America, which has just initiated its journey. May she, who lived almost the entire span of the FSP history in Argentina, ask the Lord to make this fresh page of its journey one of communion, faith and openness to the universal dimension of the Pauline mission.

With deep affection,

  
Sr Anna Maria Parenzan  
Superior General

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