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Dearest Sisters,

We received the news that at 6:15 a.m. today, local time, the Risen Christ visited St. John of God Hospital in Pasay City, Philippines, to clothe in the spotless garments of eternal life our sister:

LAGNADA PAULITA – SR. MARIA AMABILIS
born in Cebu City, Philippines, on 31 December 1937.

Sr. M. Amabilis entered the Congregation in Pasay City on 29 June 1958. After a period of initial formation, she made her novitiate in Lipa, concluding it with her first profession on 8 Dec. 1963.

As a young professed, she worked in the technical apostolate in Pasay City, and after her perpetual profession she carried out capillary and collective diffusion in the dioceses of Cebu and Cagayan de Oro for a short time. Over the years, she worked in the Naga book center, carried out vocation work in Tacloban, and also made a valid contribution to various offices of the Olongapo diocese. But Sr. M. Amabilis is above all remembered for her love for music, a talent that she refined through specific courses in the field, culminating in her reception of a diploma for organ music.

Sr. M. Amabilis composed many liturgical hymns which were then reproduced on videocassettes. She herself was in charge of these musical productions while she was station in the communities of Bacolod and Pasay City. She had a beautiful singing voice and her songs expressed her vivacious personality and love of life.

Sr. M. Amabilis is also remembered for her passion for the radio apostolate. In Zamboanga, Cebu and Cagayan de Oro she zealously worked with this language of communications, which allowed her to reach countless families, lightening the days of thousands of people through her words of faith and hope, which she drew from her daily visits to the Tabernacle. Above all, the programs she prepared on Biblical formation, which sought to involve priests and listeners, were very highly regarded.


Sr. M. Amabilis had a strong personality but she was also a very generous person, who willingly shared with the sisters the many gifts she received from benefactors. In spite of her fragile health due to a serious form of diabetes, she returned to the diffusion apostolate from 2000-2006 in Zamboanga and Cagayan de Oro, and also worked for a time in the Province's Office for Pauline Cooperators.

Due to her declining health, Sr. M. Amabilis spent the last 8 years of her life in the Divine Master and Queen of Apostles communities in Pasay.

The Lord called her to himself unexpectedly: toward midnight, she was urgently admitted to the intensive care wing of St. John of God Hospital due to a glycemic peak, followed by an acute coronary syndrome that caused her death.

During this Easter Octave, in which we are contemplating the inestimable wealth of the Baptism that purified us, of the Spirit who regenerated us, and of the Blood that redeemed us, let us entrust our dear sister to the mercy of God the Father, asking him to allow her to contemplate for all eternity the marvels of his salvation. And together with her beautiful voice, let us raise our own voices in singing the hymn of the resurrected.

Affectionately,


Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan
Superior General

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