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Dearest Sisters,

At 5:00 this morning, the Divine Master visited La Florida Hospital in Santiago, Chile to call to himself our sister:

**NAVARRO SR. ANGELA**  
**born in Valparaiso, Chile on 3 January 1931.**

Although our sister suffered from cancer of the lymph nodes, it seemed as if her body had defeated the malady but about a year ago it returned with great aggressivity, forcing her to ask to be relieved of her service as Delegation councilor. She bore her illness up to the end with the composure, dignity and goodness that had characterized her entire life.

Sr. Angela got to know the Daughters of St. Paul in her hometown of Valparaiso and entered the Congregation in the community of Santiago on 13 August 1953. Her predominant memories of her first years in the Institute were the great poverty of the sisters, their intensive apostolic activities and their contagious joy and readiness to offer all their sacrifices to the Lord for the sake of the Pauline mission.

Sr. Angela made her novitiate in Rome, concluding it with her first profession on 30 June 1957. When she returned to Chile in 1958, she made the effort to transmit all she had learned to the aspirants and to the young sisters preparing to take their state examinations.

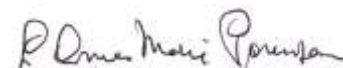
In 1959, the FSPs of Chile began a period of fruitful collaboration with the National Catechetical Department and Sr. Angela was made the secretary of this ecclesial sector. Thus initiated a beautiful period of catechetical activity for her and for all the sisters of the Delegation. Sr. Angela had the chance to take a specialization course in this field at the Catholic University of Santiago, from which she received a diploma qualifying her as a Catechetical Director. Following this, she was appointed secretary of the commission preparing for the 4<sup>th</sup> National Catechetical Congress. In 1963, when our sisters opened their Catechetical Center, Sr. Angela served as its first director, making a very important contribution to catechetical renewal through her promotion of the magazine *Camino, Verdad y Vida (Way, Truth and Life)*, and through the preparation of catechetical textbooks and various teaching aids.

But in spite of her intensive apostolate, Sr. Angela did not neglect her community: she carried out the service of local superior for several terms of office in Concepcion, Valparaiso and Antofagasta. She also served as delegation councilor for five non-consecutive terms, and in 1969 she was elected as a representative to the Congregation's Special Chapter. In addition to all this, she worked in the Communications Center of the Archdiocese of Concepcion and also served as secretary of the Chilean Episcopal Conference's National Communications Center.

In 1981 she was sent to Coyhaique in Chilean Patagonia to take over the direction of Radio Maria. Following this, she was assigned to the Communications Department of the Antofagasta Archdiocese, where she helped prepare for St. John Paul II's visit to Chile in 1987. After she returned to Santiago, she was once again assigned to the FSP Catechetical Office, where she was involved in pastoral formation to use of the instruments of social communication and oversaw the choice of books from other publishers. Returning to Valparaiso, she was assigned to the book center and at the same time carried out the service of vice-delegation superior. After a brief but beautiful interval in Antofagasta, she resumed her service as vice-superior, secretary and councilor of the delegation.

A few months ago she said: "I have had the strength to remain faithful [to my vocation] by remembering the grace I received at the moment when God called me. That grace left a deep mark on me and it has helped me to overcome all my problems for the sake of Jesus. I ask him with all my heart for perseverance and fidelity up to the very end.... I trust in the mercy of the Lord. I love the Congregation and each of my sisters. I offer the Lord everything I've done, asking him that we might be true Daughters of St. Paul, as Fr. Alberione wanted us to be."

We want to thank Sr. Angela for her life as a "pillar" of our Chilean Delegation because her openness to national and international situations and her continual efforts to do good allowed the grace of her vocation to work in her, opening new paths for the Word through her humble, wise and courageous collaboration with the Church. Affectionately,

  
Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan  
Superior General

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