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Dearest Sisters,

At about 8:00 p.m. yesterday, our good and merciful Father visited the San Raffaele wing of our Albano, Italy community to take home to heaven our sister:

NAVELLI LINA – SR. OLIMPIA MARIA
born in Moscupo (Pescara), Italy on 17 September 1936.

Sr. Olimpia suffered from serious heart problems that were slowly worsening over time. At this point she was ready to be admitted to the spousal intimacy of heaven and to hear the “many things” the Lord wanted to tell her.

She entered the Congregation in the community of Alba on 6 April 1956. As a postulant, she experienced the joys and fatigues involved in carrying out the Pauline mission in Milan. She made her novitiate in Rome, concluding it with her first profession on 30 June 1959. Immediately afterward, she was sent to Albano—the community in which she would spend the rest of her life except for four years (1974-1978) assisting our sick sisters in Alba and the Generalate.

In obedience to her superior, she obtained a degree in nursing and then, in 1965, went on to receive the training needed to become the head of one of the wards of Queen of Apostles Hospital. Following this, she also received specialized training in radiology, in blood analysis and in physical therapy—all so as to provide the hospital’s patients with ever-more competent service.

For many years Sr. Olimpia was the head of the hospital’s surgery ward. Well-prepared for this office, she offered the doctors a strong support. She was known in particular for her solicitude toward the patients and for her prompt and efficient interventions on their behalf. Her training was such that in emergency situations in which no doctor was available she was able to provide assistance with professional competence.

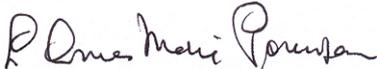
A sister who set very high standards for herself, Sr. Olimpia was an upright person who continually made the effort to improve her service to the various departments of the hospital, as little by little these were added on. Her work was highly appreciated in the blood analysis sector thanks to her skill at taking blood samples, and in the physical therapy department, a work at which she was particularly adept.

Sr. Olimpia was known for her gracious behavior and friendliness. Criticism and judgment of others were foreign to her nature. She was truly a “complete” person with a positive outlook on life, great human warmth and the ability to also rejoice in the beauties of nature. She carried out her responsibilities diligently, always ready to lend a hand in the ordinary and extraordinary needs of the hospital and her community, often working well beyond the standard work day. In fact, after a brief recreation with her community after supper, she habitually returned to the hospital to prepare the operating rooms for surgery the following day.

Sr. Olimpia was a very prayerful person: her recollected demeanor before the Tabernacle allowed others to glimpse her absorption in God. Even in the last years of her life, in which the advance of her illness robbed her of speech and immersed her in the mysterious silence of God, she continued to offer everyone a precious witness to faith and surrender to the divine will.

We believe that Sr. Olimpia is rejoicing in the eternal Easter now that she has passed from human frailty to new life in the risen Christ. We accompany her passage to eternity with our prayers and assure her sister, Sr. Maria, also a Daughter of St. Paul, of our closeness to her in this time.

Affectionately,


Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan
Superior General

Rome, 28 May 2014