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Dearest Sisters,

Last night at 11:15pm (local time) in the community of Amatista (Mexico City), not too far from the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Virgin Mary welcomed into Paradise our sister,

**OCHOA MONJE MARIA DE JESUS, Sr MARIA CRISTINA  
born in Novoava Chihuahua (Chihuahua – Mexico) on January 2, 1940**

This sorrowful news came as a great surprise to our sisters in Mexico. Last Friday, Sr. Cristina had undergone medical tests which failed to reveal any abnormalities and in fact yesterday, she had participated with joy in the celebration at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe at which Pope Francis had presided, the reason for which she was so close that holy shrine. She had participated in the encounter for the sisters involved in the “Bible Project for Latin America” that had just concluded. We feel that she has taken this project of our Latin American sisters with her and has presented it to our Merciful Father-- a project very dear to her own heart.

Sr Cristina entered the Congregation in Mexico City on May 25, 1962. She lived in that community during her time of formation and her novitiate, which concluded with her first profession on June 30, 1966. As a young professed sister, she completed her university studies and was dedicated to capillary diffusion in the community of Ciudad Juarez. After perpetual profession in 1972, she continued to carry out the Pauline apostolate in the communities of Leon, Tijuana and Ciudad Juarez, in which she also carried out the duty of local superior.

In 1984, she was already secretary, provincial councilor and superior of the community of Amatista (Mexico City). Afterwards she worked in the area of audiovisual productions while at the same time attending the Ibero-American University to obtain a degree in theology. In 1989, she was transferred for a few years to Leon to accompany the group of postulants and then returned to Mexico City to take on work in the editorial department. She took every opportunity to make herself an announcer of the values of the faith, also through radio programs, and was always happy when her programs were heard by young people, especially those who later would express interest in our Congregation.

From 2002 to 2005, she was once again provincial councilor for the apostolate, after which she dedicated some years to the book center and to accounting in the community of Ciudad Juarez. In 2012, the sisters expressed anew their trust in her and she was called once again to the service of provincial councilor and secretary. She would have concluded her responsibilities in government in the upcoming weeks. She oversaw the area of spirituality and also offered her own contribution to the Center for Spirituality of the Pauline Family with simplicity and competence.

Sr Cristina had an open and friendly character, one that was simple and spontaneous. One always felt good in her presence because she was a positive person, always looking for ways to help foster communion and the joy of being together.

The Lord has wanted to call her in the moment which her eyes still glowed with the joy of the visit of the Pope. We think of her as already a part of the Pauline Family in Paradise and we entrust to her the Mexican Province that she loved so dearly. We are certain that she will continue to offer all her support to the dearest sisters with whom she shared so many years of her life and in the midst of whom she sowed goodness, peace, serenity and love.

With affection,

  
Sr Anna Maria Parenzan  
Superior General

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