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Dearest Sisters,

After several weeks of being in a deep coma, it was around 17:30, that the Father called to himself from the “James Alberione” community in Albano a great Pauline missionary

PALOSCHI LORENZINA Sr MARIA ENRICA
born in Offanengo (Cremona) on June 13, 1926

Sr M. Enrica reflected in her life great sweetness, goodness, capacity for sacrifice and a strong love for the mission. She entered the Congregation in the house of Alba on April 13, 1947. After some time of formation and work in the bindery and in capillary diffusion in Torino and Pavia, she went to Rome for her novitiate which concluded with her first profession on March 19, 1950, a Holy Year.

Soon afterwards, she left as a missionary for the Philippines, waiting there to go to Japan where the Daughters of St. Paul only two years prior, had initiated a small presence. Having reached Pasay City (Philippines), she received a brief note that manifested all the delicateness of Prima Maestra: «Because I was unable to greet you before you left, I greet you now through this card that you will receive in the Orient. I have offered to the Lord this pain so that you might do a lot of good, become a saint and save many souls. Feel me close to you. When you go before Jesus in the Tabernacle, think that right inside there we are always united. Be joyful and serene. Nothing is lacking when we find a Tabernacle and a Mother, Mary Most Holy.»

In August of 1951, she reached Tokyo and began this oriental experience by becoming really “Japanese among the Japanese”. She knew how to quickly adapt herself to the customs of the people, comforting the life of the sisters through her humility, goodness, and capacity for friendship. Without knowing the language, she began to visit the families with the first books to be printed in the local language, first in Tokyo and then in Nagoya. In 1957, she was asked to begin our community in Sendai and to be the first superior. For three consecutive mandates she was superior in Sendai and later in Nagoya and Fukuoka.

Everywhere she went she diffused love, goodness, peace and a capacity to forget herself in order to be fully available to the community and the mission. From 1951 to 1985 she accompanied the development of the Japanese province fostering the growth of the sisters. She was sustained by the repeated encouragement of Maestra Thecla who often made herself present in written form: «Have much faith and entrust yourself to the Madonna that she may grant you those graces which you most need at this time and that she can make the Japanese language enter your head. Be always joyful and serene!»

In 1985, she returned to Italy for a time of updating near the Institute, “Regina Mundi” On that occasion she wrote, «I feel I am being stripped of everything and as for study, I only reached elementary school. However, I have the great desire to think about the things of my soul. If this is sufficient, I can register in school.» At the end of the course, Sr. M. Enrica was invited to remain in Casa Generalizia to carry out the service at the centralino and as receptionist. For more than twenty years she enriched our Generalate community with so much goodness, gratuitousness, joy in serving and love for the Congregation. Through the telephone, her delicate, gentle voice, reached every corner of the world and she was very happy to be able to express herself in Japanese when she welcomed the Japanese sisters who visited Italy for shorter or longer periods of time, and when the Italian missionaries arrived with whom she had shared the beautiful and difficult years of the Pauline beginnings in the Land of the Rising Sun.

Her always more fragile health prompted her transfer in 2008 to the community of “James Alberione”, in Albano. It was not easy for Sr. M. Enrica to leave behind her contact with the universality of the Congregation, to detach herself from the central switchboard and from her collaborators and embrace a new life in her illness. But she lived in faith and in serenity this final stretch of her journey, continuing to be a friendly and serene presence among the sisters of the new community. In these last days, due to her breathing which was becoming increasingly labored, she underwent several hospitalizations. And she prepared herself for her spousal encounter through the total offering of herself in a profound silence that was marked by something of mystery. As we entrust her to the loving arms of the Father, we offer him our “Thank you” , for *she who was* for us and for all the sisters of the world. With affection,


Sr Anna Maria Parenzan
Vicaria generale

Roma, March 7, 2012.