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Dearest Sisters,

We just received news from Korea that today, at 11:00 a.m. local time, one of our sisters unexpectedly passed to eternal life:

PARK TAI HEE – SR. TIMOTEA
born in Kyeong buk (Pusan), Korea on 18 August 1952.

Up until a few months ago, Sr. Timotea was busy carrying out her service as vice-superior of the large Seoul community, where she also generously lent a hand in preparing for feast days, recreations and international meetings. The sisters who participated in the Continental Meeting for the Apostolate-Economy held in Korea last June remember Sr. Timotea's warm welcome and supportive presence, which even extended to the service of preparing tasty and creative snacks for them.

Love, kindness and precision were the distinguishing traits of this dear sister, who entered the Congregation in Seoul on 17 March 1974. Although born into a Christian family, she was only baptized in 1970, as the culmination of a long journey in search of the Lord and his will.

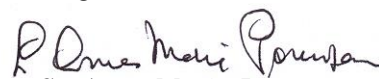
Sr. Timotea made her postulancy and novitiate in Seoul, concluding the latter stage of her formation with her first profession on 25 January 1979. As a Junior, she worked in the Myong Dong book center in downtown Seoul and then went on to complete her religious studies, obtaining diplomas in the fields of Sacred Scripture and Catechesis. While pursuing these studies, she also worked in the shipping department and graphics sector of the Seoul (Miari) community, and later in the Jeon Ju book center. As a perpetual professed, she worked in various diocesan offices in Jeon Ju and Daegu and afterward returned to the Myong Dong book center, putting her training and creativity to good use in the areas of promotion and marketing. Later, in Andong, Wonju, Ilsan and Daegu, she was sought out by book center clients because of her ability to understand their needs and suggest appropriate material. Sr. Timotea was also a gifted writer and placed this talent at the service of local Church in Wonju, where she helped to edit the diocesan newspaper.

Her work in the province's *Ut Unum Sint* Center served to deepen her love for the Word of God and for the Holy Land and in 2005 she organized an unforgettable pilgrimage to Palestine for a group of Korean FSPs. The sisters relished this chance to retrace the footsteps of Jesus and the first Christian communities, and under Sr. Timotea's expert guidance they joyfully entered the "school of the Gospel." All the participants said that it was a truly memorable experience. We can't help but think that perhaps through this pilgrimage the Lord was already preparing our sister for her definitive meeting with him.

The last years of Sr. Timotea's life included a variety of apostolic activities: she resumed her work in the areas of promotion and marketing, in the editorial department and at *Ut Unum Sint* and also organized online Bible courses. In her role as vice-superior and as head of one of the sub-groups of the large Seoul community, she was very attentive to the needs of the sisters. As a member of the province's spirituality team, she made an active contribution to the preparations for the Golden Jubilee of our foundation in Korea. She was also recently appointed to the intercongregational commission set up to prepare for the Centenary of Foundation of the Pauline Family. In the light of all this, we can truly say that Sr. Timotea's Pauline life was rich in gifts, grace and activity—all signs that she was ready for the definitive call of the Lord.

In these days, according to our "human" programming, Sr. Timotea should have been attending the Frankfurt Book Fair, but a few weeks ago she underwent surgery for uterine cancer, which proved to be in its terminal stage. And this morning, respiratory complications set in to hasten her meeting with her Lord and Master and introduce her into the eternal banquet of the Kingdom of God.

Affectionately,


Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan
Vicar General

Rome, 12 October 2011