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Dearest Sisters,

We received the news that at 5:00 p.m. today (local time), during Evening Prayer I for the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, the “day of the Lord” arrived for one of our sisters, who was a patient at the Medical College Hospital of Goa, India:

PEREIRA ROSE MARY – SR. MARY GLORIA
born in Papyd Olumb (Mumbai), India on 7 December 1943.

Sr. M. Gloria’s “face to face” meeting with the Lord was a moment she had been awaiting since her youth when, attracted by the Pauline vocation, she entered the Congregation in the community of Mumbai on 27 May 1962, bringing with her the gift of the profound faith she had inherited from her beloved parents.

During her initial formation, she learned the art of bookbinding in the small Mumbai technical apostolate and also made her novitiate in that community. This stage of her formation concluded with her first profession on 30 June 1966. She spent her Juniorate in Mumbai and in 1967 she had the joy of welcoming into the Congregation her younger sister, Sr. Stella, to whom she was closely attached.

After making her perpetual profession on 21 May 1972, Sr. M. Gloria was sent to Bangalore and then returned to Mumbai to carry out capillary and collective diffusion to families, schools and Catholic, Protestant and Hindu institutes. Like our other Indian sisters, she felt that she had been sent to everyone, no matter what their faith, to bring them a word of hope and peace. From 1980-1984, she also served as superior of the Bangalore community and worked in our book center there.

Following this, she was placed in charge of the young sisters in Mumbai but in 1985 she was transferred first to Calcutta, then back to Mumbai and from there to Goa, where with great love and self-sacrifice, she proclaimed the Word of God from the book center, which she considered to be her “pulpit.”

In 1996, Sr. M. Gloria had the chance to undergo a year of renewal in Rome, making the most of this opportunity to study the Pauline charism more profoundly. This time, spent in the Via dei Luchesi community (4th floor), was a period rich in experiences for her and enabled her to fan into a flame the gift she had received, discover new ways of proclaiming the Gospel, and open her heart to embrace the whole world.

When she returned to India, Sr. M. Gloria was assigned to the Secunderabad book center and then to the Dahisar-Borivli (Mumbai) and Vasai communities, where she also carried out the service of local superior. She was a very fervent apostle who dedicated to the Pauline mission all the creativity with which the Lord had enriched her. Her trust in divine Providence was truly edifying, especially when it came to seeking the funds necessary to distribute copies of the Bible to the poorest people free of charge. In 2017, she was transferred to Goa, the smallest of the Indian states, where she was assigned to the Province’s beautiful, centrally-located book center.

Last week, Sr. M. Gloria was rushed to the Medical College Hospital’s emergency room because she was experiencing very strong abdominal pains. A check up and various medical tests revealed that part of her intestines had been perforated making it necessary for her to undergo immediate surgery. Her very serious condition was further aggravated by the fact that the operation had revealed a cancerous mass in her intestinal tract, which triggered an infection that spread through her entire body.

The “blessed hope” with which Sr. M. Gloria awaited the Lord’s call was quickly realized. The “Sun of Justice” rose over her today, bathed her in beneficent rays, warmed and purified her, clothed her in the splendor of eternal light and called her to her definitive meeting with her Spouse.

Affectionately,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anna Maria Parenzan".

Sr.

Anna Maria Parenzan

Rome, 16 November 2019