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Dearest Sisters,

Just a few days after the death of Sr. Colomba, at 6:30 p.m. (local time) the Blessed Virgin once again visited St. John of God Hospital, Manila, Philippines, to call to himself our sister:

**PEREZ MAGDALENA – SR. TIMOTEA MARIA  
born in Matalon, (Leyte), Philippines, on 24 May 1938.**

Sr. Timotea Maria was the co-novice of Sr. Colomba and they had been hospitalized together since 1 August in the same intensive care wing.

Sr. Timotea entered the Congregation in the community of Davao on 9 June 1958 at the age of twenty. Since she already possessed a high school diploma, she spent her first years of formation carrying out the itinerant diffusion apostolate in Davao. During these trips, she and her companions had many opportunities to experience first hand God's tender care and protection of them. It was difficult to get from town to town and island to island but the sisters were determined to make contact with everyone, even people living in the most remote areas, who could be reached only by small and fragile boats or other water craft. In 1961 alone, our sisters of Davao visited more than 23,000 Catholic families, plus 890 non-Catholic ones. With this rich store of apostolic and human experience behind her, Sr. Timotea Maria began her novitiate in Lipa, concluding it with her first profession on 8 December 1963. In fact she would have celebrated her golden jubilee of profession this December.

From her earliest years of formation, Sr. Timotea M. was known for her generosity, spirit of availability, industriousness and love for the Pauline vocation. She carried out every service asked of her, even the smallest, in a spirit of faith, directing it to the good of the Pauline mission and the glory of the Blessed Trinity. She spent her Juniorate working in the kitchen of the large Regina Apostolorum community of Pasay City. After her perpetual profession, she returned to the capillary and collective diffusion apostolate, this time in Vigan and Lipa.

In 1978, she was appointed superior of the Davao community, after which she returned to the propaganda apostolate in Cebu. From 1985 on, except for a short period in Davao, she lived in the Regina Apostolorum community of Pasay City, where she worked in the provincial administration office and also in the promotion and advertising department of the apostolate.

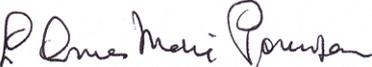
She spent the last years of her life joyfully and dynamically, happy to be useful and self-sufficient even though she had trouble walking and had heart problems that had made it necessary for her to wear a pacemaker for the past 25 years. With the help of a motorized walker/chair, she was able to move quickly from room to room and to even get across a busy street to reach the province's administration office and help with the bookkeeping.

Sr. Timotea M. was always very happy to participate in the community's beautiful liturgical celebrations, lending her lovely voice to the choir. She also helped out at the reception desk despite the fact that her health was steadily declining.

Sr. Timotea M.'s inner fortitude and determination to conquer her physical limitations finally ceded when lung complications were added to her already failing heart and her kidney problems, making it necessary for her to be hospitalized. From the intensive care wing, she assured her provincial superior, who was leaving for Rome to participate in the General Chapter, that she was offering her prayers and her life for this important congregational event. And today, the Lord accepted her offering, which rose like a sweet perfume to heaven.

Sr. Timotea M. and the other FSPs whom God has been calling with increasing speed in these days to the Pauline community in heaven, leave us a great heritage of faith, poverty, simplicity and a life based on essentials. They were urged on by a burning desire to reach the most marginalized of God's children and walk alongside them, offering them "the warm touch of God." They put into concrete practice the "creativity of love" so that the Gospel would find a place in the homes of the poorest people and become a wellspring of hope and new life for them.

Affectionately,

  
Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan

Rome, 21 August 2013