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Dearest Sisters,

At about 6:30 p.m. yesterday, God the Father visited the infirmary of our Divine Providence community, Via Antonino Pio, Rome, to call to eternal life:

PERINOT AGNESE – SR. LUISA
born in Carpesica (Treviso), Italy on 19 September 1919.

Sr. Luisa left us quietly, without anyone even realizing it, just as she had desired. Several days ago she had taken to her bed because she did not feel well. Yesterday evening she was served a light supper and since all seemed well with her, the infirmary's caregivers continued to distribute the evening meal to the other bedridden sisters. But a short time later, when one of them returned to say goodnight to Sr. Luisa, she discovered that our sister had already left this earth for heaven.

Sr. Luisa was twenty years old when she entered the Congregation in Rome on 11 February 1939. She spent 75 years of her Pauline life in the Via Antonino Pio community, which she deeply loved. After her initial formation and novitiate, she made her first profession on 19 March 1942. She carried out the technical apostolate in Rome with great fervor for the next 40 years, up until 1978. Many sisters remember her voice, pitched high above the racket of the sewing, cutting and folding machines, inviting the sisters to pray. Many also remember the industriousness, fidelity and precision with which she carried out her various duties in the bindery. Still others recall her voice bringing an end to an intensive day of work in the technical apostolate. In her simplicity and humility, Sr. Luisa formed hundreds of young women to the mystical dimension of the technical apostolate, teaching them how to carry it out while remaining in profound union with the Lord. A joyous person, she infused others with enthusiasm even when it was necessary (as it often was) to make sacrifices in order to finish the day's work on time.

Sr. Luisa's great example of readiness to serve others made her one of the "pillars" of the Divine Providence community. During her many decades in this house, she carried out countless humble and hidden services. She was called "the guardian of the house" due to the fact that it was her job to close its doors every evening and let the watch dogs loose. It was she who gave the "wake up call" each morning and who guided the community's prayers in the Queen of Apostles Sanctuary since her powerful voice had no need of a microphone to make itself heard.

Sr. Luisa did not talk a lot and her face looked severe, but her expression hid a very good and generous heart. A humble and quiet person, she never imposed herself on anyone but carried out her duties with great fidelity and with as much precision as possible. She treated everyone respectfully, ever-ready to encourage and support them. Even after the bindery was closed, she continued to dedicate herself joyously and generously to others, first through assistance of the sick sisters and then through various household services. During the last stage of her life, she was a serene and quiet presence among the elderly sisters, participating actively in the life of the community and "reconstructing" the story of the Congregation through the unforgettable memories she carried in her heart.

Sr. Luisa deeply loved Mary, Queen of Apostles and was very grateful to have spent almost her whole Pauline life in the shadow of her Sanctuary. Continual prayer of the rosary had endowed her with great wisdom of heart. It is beautiful and meaningful that our Queen led her to the house of the Father during the month of May, filled as it is with so many Marian celebrations. Mary, the Gate of Heaven, has now welcome this dear sister to eternal light and, on our part, we entrust to her ceaseless prayers all the needs of the Congregation.

Affectionately,


Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan
Superior General

Rome, 24 May 2014

