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Dearest Sisters,

At 7:15 this morning, our good and merciful Father visited the James Alberione community, Albano, Italy, to call to himself our sister:

PERRONE ANGELA – SR. MARIA GIUDITTA
born in Matera, Italy on 27 April 1931.

Sr. M. Giuditta entered the Congregation in the community of Rome on 13 September 1952. After a period of formation, part of which she spent helping to cultivate the large vegetable garden on the grounds of the Via Antonino Pio property, she was admitted to the novitiate and concluded this stage of her formation with her first profession on 19 March 1956. She spent her Juniorate in the Massa community, from which, inspired by a profound desire to do good, she carried out the apostolate of capillary and collective diffusion of the Word of God. In her letter requesting permission to renew her vows, she wrote to Prima Maestra Thecla: “I am fueled by a powerful longing to take this step and I can’t wait for the glorious day when I will be able to give myself to God forever, striving to sanctify myself and all those I meet through our noble and sublime apostolate.”

In 1961, immediately after her perpetual profession, Sr. Giuditta was assigned to the Grottaferrata community (Rome) to carry out the service of cook. She later carried out this same apostolate in the communities of Potenza, Avellino and Florence. While she was stationed in Potenza, her provincial superior asked her if she wanted to continue her cultural formation and she replied that the only real desire she felt was to learn how to drive a car so as to be able to replace any drivers in case of need. She ended her note with the words: “There is nothing else I want. I am very happy in this community....”

Sr. Giuditta was truly a humble and simple sister, who lived in a genuine spirit of poverty and an attitude of continual self-donation. Her apostolic heart yearned to reach the whole world and she tried to do this through the apostolate of prayer and self-offering. When the Congregation’s Missionary Project was launched in 1993, she wrote that she was ready to leave her homeland for a new foundation or else that she was willing to be transferred to help strengthen another community, even though, as she reminded the Superior General, “I am 62 years old and I don’t know any other languages. All I can offer you is my good will.”

From 1988-2011, Sr. Giuditta was stationed in the Divine Providence community, Via Antonino Pio, Rome, where she carried out many small apostolic and household services. She was always a simple and serene presence in the community, ready to help out wherever needed, happy to live in the shadow of the Queen of Apostles Sanctuary.

The celebration of her 50th anniversary religious profession was truly a “golden” event for her in every way and left an indelible mark on her heart. On that occasion, she wrote: “I don’t think I have ever lived a more beautiful day on this earth....”

Sr. Giuditta spent the last five years of her life in the James Alberione community, Albano, to which she had been transferred in order to receive the care she needed after she came down with first Parkinson’s and then Alzheimer’s diseases. The sisters who assisted her say that she was a very quiet and kind presence in the community, and that she expressed sincere gratitude for even the smallest services performed for her. In these years, Sr. Giuditta suffered from repeated attacks of pneumonia, and the days preceding her death were marked by a long and painful agony, all of which served to unite her more intimately to the crucified Christ and strengthen her hope of rising with him in glory. Affectionately,


Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan
Superior General

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