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Dearest Sisters,

last night at 11:00 local time, in the intensive care unit of St. Isabel hospital in San Paolo, Brazil, during the end of the feast of the Ascension, Our Lord took with himself in his glory, our sister,

PETRO EMMA SR, MARIA FIDELIS
born at Caraa' (Porto Alegre, Brazil) on the 20th of August, 1922

Sr Fidelis entered the Congregation in the "Divine Master" House in San Paolo on 22 February, 1946 at a mature age after having received a nursing diploma. She had a brief experience of "propaganda" in the community of Rio de Janeiro and very soon was inserted in the group of novices who were preparing themselves for religious profession, in the community of the "Divine Master" on 18th December, 1949.

This was followed by diffusion to the families in the cities of São Paulo, Curitiba and Maringà while she made herself available to also serve in the infirmary in which she was particularly skilled. And it was precisely this duty that characterised her Pauline life in the communities of the "Divine Master", "Alberione Institute", and in the "Cidade Regina" in San Paolo, and in that of Porto Alegre and Canoas.

Along with taking care of the sick, Sr. M. Fidelis also volunteered herself with generosity and joy to the many necessary services in the life of the community, from the laundry to the vegetable garden. She was an upright and observant sister: her person reflected the name given to her on the day of her profession. She was truly faithful in everything and this made her happy and completely fulfilled. For several years, she lived in the formation community: she was a true model for the young ones who found in her the "Pauline" who knew how to communicate with her simplicity and her love, with silence, hard work and diligence.

For her, obedience was something natural and spontaneous that was fully part of her life project. With great availability and openness, she accepted her superiors' invitation to leave for Aires, Argentina in 1998 where she worked for about three months. With the same docility, she re-entered Brazil to dedicate herself to the various communitarian services in the community of Porto Alegre. Her faith in the Lord permitted her to surrender herself totally to him, allowing him full freedom to lead her life.

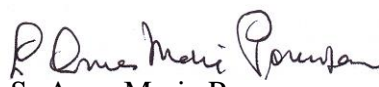
She was a Pauline "model" because she knew how to incarnate and live to the full the mystical and apostolic dimension of her vocation. She had learned, from the very lips of the founder during his various visits to Brazil, the necessity of combining "sanctification" and "apostolate" «to have color, and to maintain the good color, to have the Pauline spirit... to be decidedly Pauline, distinctly Pauline» (FSP.53, Page 499.) Wherever she passed, Sr M. Fidelis «exuded the good odor of Christ», the fragrance of her donation, of her love, serenity and peace.

Especially in her last years lived in the community of the "Cidade Regina" of São Paulo, the sisters recall her love for nature and her dedication to the garden where she planted with satisfaction, flowers, vegetables, and fruit, to the joy of everyone.

The Lord's visit came suddenly: last Saturday she was admitted to the hospital for an ischemic stroke to which her body could not overcome. And Mary, the Virgin of Fatima, in memory of her apparitions, took her gently to Paradise.

We entrust our young sisters in formation to this dear sister, so that by her example, they will not be afraid to give their lives fully to the Father as a gift to our brothers and sisters.

With affection.


Sr Anna Maria Parenzan
Superior General

Rome, 14 May 2018