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Dearest Sisters,

We received the news that early this morning the Father of Light visited the Military Hospital of Santiago, Chile to call to eternal life our sister:

**PEÑA Y LILLO GLORIA DEL CARMEN – SR. CLAUDIA MARIA**  
**born in Talagante, Santiago del Chile, on 22 June 1946.**

Sr. Claudia entered the Congregation in Santiago La Florida, Chile, on 28 February 1965. After a time of formation and a year of novitiate, she made her first profession on 30 June 1968. She herself said that from the very beginning she was deeply interested in vocations and her superiors made the most of this sensitivity to orient her toward formation work. In fact her studies and various apostolic experiences always focused on this dimension of the Pauline life. For a year, she carried out animations in social communications in the diocesan offices of Santiago. Afterward, she dedicated herself with great passion to pastoral work for vocations, preparing for this ministry by taking a course in formation at the Catholic University of Chile.

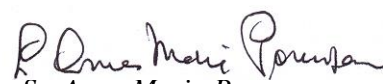
Sr. Claudia was soon entrusted with the formation of the postulants in the Santiago community, while at the same time carrying out the service of delegation councilor and secretary. In 1981, she was sent to Italy to receive specialized training for the role of formator. She participated in a course organized by USMI (Italian Union of Women Superiors General) and in an international course on formation for FSPs and held in Alba. Afterward, she studied at the Pontifical Gregorian University's Institute of Psychology and earned a Licentiate in that field. She concluded this long period of formation by participating in the 9-month course of formation for novice mistresses organized by the FSPs for our formators from all continents and held at Torvaianica. Sr. Claudia was very grateful for this experience, which gave her a universal vision of the Congregation and the opportunity to penetrate the values of the Pauline charism more profoundly. She once mentioned that for 5 consecutive years she focused her spiritual development on the written and taped meditations of Fr. Alberione and M. Thecla.

When she returned to Chile in 1986, Sr. Claudia was assigned to the formation of the Delegation's novices, Juniors and postulants, while also carrying out the service of superior of the Santiago community. She was intensively involved in the life of her circumscription: in Concepcion, she carried out the service of superior and also guided animations on communication; in 2002 she was appointed delegation councilor for the apostolate and also vice-delegate—duties she held for two consecutive mandates; following this, she was appointed director of our Paulinas Publishing House, which included coordinating our Social Communications Center with OTEC, a government-approved organism, in which she provided formation services to both religious and laity. During this time, she also obtained a Master's Degree in Communications from Diego Portales University, Chile.

As a member of the consulting Council of the Vicariate for the Clergy and also of the team set up by the Religious Conference of Chile to prevent child abuse, she provided psychological accompaniment to consecrated and lay people by guiding formation courses for them. A fruit of her reflection and experiences was the text she wrote entitled, *Por una cultura de la prevención del abuso de menores*. In April 2015, Sr. Claudia was invited to Rome to speak at an International Congress on Formation organized by the Congregation for Institutes of the Consecrated Life, where she willingly shared with everyone her knowledge and expertise in the area of formation.

Although her health was deteriorating due to pulmonary fibrosis (a lung disease resulting in damaged and scarred lung tissue), she continued to therapeutically accompany various people and to assist a sister with special needs. This past December, her health took a sharp turn for the worse due to internal bleeding that invaded a number of vital organs but she was able to overcome this crisis. However, in the past few days her malady regained the upper hand, leading to her meeting with the Lord. We entrust Sr. Claudia with great gratitude to our good Father, asking him to imprint the features of his Son on her life forever. And we beg Sr. Claudia to intercede for the world, asking that it be renewed by holiness and that the ministers and pastors of the Church may be *ever-more authentic, luminous, transparent and joyful*.

Affectionately,

  
Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan  
Superior General

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