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Dearest Sisters,

Shortly after midnight last night, the Lord visited Wexham Hospital, Langley (London, Great Britain), to call to himself our sister:

**PRANDI SR. IVANA**  
**born in Carniana (Reggio Emilia), Italy on 25 August 1933.**

“Arise, my beloved, my beautiful one, and come!” Thus the voice of God called to Sr. Ivana and our sister ran to meet him. A bad case of pneumonia unexpectedly aggravated her precarious health, already seriously undermined by cancer of the esophagus, which had been diagnosed just this July. But up until fifteen days ago, Sr. Ivana had continued to serenely carry out her work in the stockroom of our Langley community, where she had dedicated herself with great joy to the Pauline life and where she also had many friends and collaborators.

Sr. Ivana entered the Congregation on 29 September 1953 in Rome, following in the footsteps of her sister Anna Maria, who preceded her to heaven this past February. She was immediately assigned to work in the large Via Antonino Pio stockroom, which served all the FSP book centers in Italy. Afterward, she carried out the diffusion apostolate in Foggia. She returned to Rome for her novitiate, concluding it with her first profession on 30 June 1957. As a young professed, Sr. Ivana resumed the propaganda apostolate, this time in the diocese of Como, after which she was reassigned to the stockroom in Rome. Immediately following her perpetual profession in 1962, she joyfully welcomed Prima Maestra’s request to go to Great Britain as a missionary. Her departure was a second sorrowful detachment for her parents, because their elder daughter, Sr. Anna Maria, had already left as a missionary for Australia. In 1964, Mrs. Prandi wrote to the Superior General, Sr. Ignazia Balla: “You understand, Reverend Mother, that this silent sacrifice is a big one for me, but I have always accepted the will of God. I am happy that I never raised obstacles to it, but nevertheless, like Simeon, I hope that I will not end my life on this earth before I see my daughters once again.” In the same letter, Sr. Ivana’s mother asked the Superior General to pray for her third daughter, Mariangela, who had just entered the Institute.

During her 48 years in Great Britain, Sr. Ivana carried out many different apostolic activities. She worked in the Langley, Birmingham and Glasgow book centers; coordinated capillary and collective diffusion in Liverpool and Birmingham; served as Delegation councilor, and managed the production department and stockroom in Langley. She had an excellent relationship with the Institute’s collaborators and also with the postal workers who stopped by her office every day to pick up and deliver packages. Sr. Ivana was very proud of “her” stockroom, which was a model of cleanliness and order. She was especially happy to think that the books, posters, minimedia and other material shipped out from there reached people not only in Great Britain but also in Australia, Pakistan, Sudan, South Africa, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Philippines, Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia, Canada and the United States.

Among her many duties, Sr. Ivana also willingly carried out the service of driver. She was always ready to run errands or to accompany visiting sisters to Heathrow Airport. Her simple, open, humble and generous character enabled her to establish an excellent rapport with the people in her neighborhood, with shop keepers and above all with other religious communities and the priests and members of the local parish, which she assiduously frequented. We are sure that during the upcoming Christmas celebrations Sr. Ivana will join her voice to the songs of the faithful in her parish as she has already united herself to the hymns of praise being sung in heaven by all the saints—the new song to the Lamb that she will now sing forever.

Affectionately,

  
Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan  
Vicar General

Rome, 21 December 2010