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Dearest Sisters,

this morning, at 10:00 am, in the “James Alberione” community of Albano, our Merciful Father in an embrace of love drew to himself, our Sister

PROFAZI Sr LAURINA (LAURA)
Born at Gradoli (Viterbo), on August 13, 1924

For three days she had been dormant. Last night she woke up again, tranquil and serene: she opened her eyes, not speaking, but seemed to be totally at peace and today, she died gently in the Lord.

Sr Laurina entered the Congregation in Rome, May 30, 1942. After about a year of formation, in 1943 she was transferred to Como to dedicate herself to “propaganda” and in 1945 she began her novitiate in Alba, which concluded with her first Profession on the 29th of June, 1946. She was then sent for diffusion to Udine, Aosta, and Crema. After her perpetual Profession, made at Rome, she continued to walk the streets, visiting every family with her bag full of books throughout the Diocese of Piacenza. For a number of years she served as the receptionist at Rome’s “Divine Providence” community, and followed this with service in the “Divine Master” community. From 1964 to 1967 she served in the book center at Genoa. Obedience asked of her successive transfers to Rimini, Alba, and Grosseto, always carrying out various services in the communities.

Sister then spent over twenty five years in the provincial house at Via Vivanti where her presence was a precise, punctual and fervent. In the laundry and care of the refectory she was attentive and gentle, always desirous of doing everything well, for the joy of all. She was very sociable, she loved company and she stopped willingly to chat with sisters she met in the halls or at table.

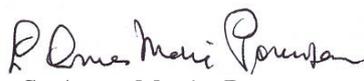
In 2009 she was transferred to Albano, first to the “Tecla Merlo” house and then to the “James Alberione” community; here, too, she stood out for her gentleness and gratitude for any service rendered her. When she began to require use of the wheelchair, Sr Laurina detached herself from everything; she was sincere and free, simple and cheerful. She knew how to love and had great respect for the superiors.

For some time that she had suffered from a paralysis that little by little invaded her entire organism. During these last days she seemed absent, but she was very keen and understood quite well the language of love and affection.

The life of this dear sister was marked by a strong experience of connection with evil from which she was then completely liberated, as she herself confided, through the intercessory prayer of Sr Erminia Brunetti. In an autobiographical writing, Sr Laurina reveals having experienced the sufferings of souls who were in Purgatory, and expressed gratitude to those who helped her in that most difficult period of her life: priests, superiors and sisters who were always understanding and kind.

During this Jubilee of Mercy, let us think of Sr. Laurina, completely freed and made beautiful by the Father’s sacred gaze, being led into that intimacy she had always so ardently sought. We entrust to her prayers persons who are undergoing particular spiritual sufferings, that they might be guided along the way of life.

With affection.


Sr Anna Maria Parenzan
Superiora generale

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