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Dearest Sisters,

At 7:00 p.m. today, the Vigil of the Feast of the Apostles Peter and Paul, the Divine Master visited our James Alberione community, Albano, Italy, to call to receive the crown of righteousness, our sister:

PROSPERI ANDREINA – SR. MARIA ANGELINA
born in Poggio Cinolfi di Carsoli (Aquila), Italy on 1 May 1928.

Sr. Angelina entered the Congregation in the community of Alba on 14 November 1941 at the age of thirteen. Because she was so young, she underwent a long period of formation, during which she learned the art of bookbinding and completed her high school education. In 1947, she was sent to Rome to make her novitiate, which concluded with her first profession on 19 March 1948. In her request to be admitted to first profession, she wrote: “I am very much aware of how weak and incapable I am in completing this arduous journey by myself, but I draw my strength from the Tabernacle and I am sure that my heavenly Mother is keeping her eye on me, ready to help and support me every step of the way. My burning desire is to become a saint.” And we can truly say that the life of this dear sister was aimed at holiness, self-renunciation and self-donation, manifested in her discretion, silence and focus on the essentials in life.

For many years, the book center was the “pulpit” from which Sr. Angelina proclaimed the Word, disseminating around her the perfume of kindness and evangelical poverty. Naples, Livorno, Trent-Bolzano, La Spezia and Mestre were the communities in which for almost 20 consecutive years she carried out the book center apostolate with great love because she profoundly believed in the Pauline charism and the grace of the apostolate, which allowed her to offer everyone the Good News of God’s merciful love.

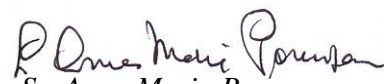
In 1966, Sr. Angelina was appointed superior of the community of Reggio Calabria. At the end of her mandate, she returned to book center service, this time in the communities of Naples and Aquila. Following this she was called once again to the service of superior in Sulmona. In 1982, she was transferred to the Divine Providence community (Via Antonino Pio), Rome where she lived the rest of her religious life up until two months ago, when it was discovered that she was suffering from cancer and that it had already spread throughout her body.

Sr. Angelina was an “angel” not only in name but also in deeds. The sisters who lived with her over the years remember her silence and discretion, as well as how she dedicated all her energies to the apostolate in a quiet and hidden way. She seemed to “fly” along the long corridors of the house as she performed the duties entrusted to her, always recollected in thought, always united to her Lord. She carried out a variety of services in the Via Antonino Pio community, ranging from work in the stockroom to the mailing out of our magazines, to service at our Data Bank, where she uploaded documentation concerning our editions.

In the last few years, the sisters noticed that Sr. Angelina’s health was declining but, in keeping with her character, she never complained. She did not want to disturb anyone and continued to dedicate herself to her responsibilities up to the very end. And when the nature of her physical condition finally emerged, it was clear that she had truly reached the final stage of her life. She spent her last 2 months on earth in the James Alberione community, Albano, clear-minded up until her last breath. Yesterday afternoon, accompanied by the prayers of her community, she received the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and prepared to make her transition to heaven. Like the Apostle Paul, Sr. Angelina’s life was “poured out like a libation” and for her too the time had come to leave this world, after having “fought the good fight, finished the race and kept the faith” (cf. 2 Tm. 4:6-7).

Today, the Vigil of the Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul, let us entrust to Sr. Angelina all the sisters who will make their first or final professions tomorrow. Like her, may they experience the joy of being in the hands of the Lord so as to bring to everyone his Gospel of salvation.

Affectionately,


Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan
Superior General

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