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Dearest Sisters,

At about 5:00 this afternoon, one of the sisters of our Calle Carril del Conde community, Madrid, Spain, serenely died in the Lord:

QUEBOLI SR. CLARA
born in Lion di Albignasego (Padua), Italy on 13 September 1920.

Sr. Clara was a simple and good sister who continued to irradiate joy and peace around her even after she developed Alzheimer's disease several years ago. A Paduan through and through, one of the few things that she remembered during the last stage of her life was the refrain of a song in her local dialect, which she would sing with great gusto: "The Paduans—great doctors, the Venetians—great lords, and the Veronese—all crazy!" It was precisely through her malady, lived with both love and humor, that Sr. Clara became the center of our Carril del Conde community in Madrid, Spain. She seemed to realize that she was its heart, the element that gave it a positive thrust, and this made her happy.

She entered the Congregation in Alba on 10 August 1934, at the age of fourteen. In the chronicles recounted in the bulletin *Eco di Casa Madre*, her name is listed among the "children" but she was already mature enough to begin carrying out the Pauline mission. From 1935-1940, she was a member of our Genoa community, where she visited the families with a propaganda bag overflowing with books. She made her novitiate in Rome, concluding it with her first profession on 19 March 1941. Afterward, she was sent to Reggio Emilia, where she spent almost 20 years in the book center and diffusion apostolates.

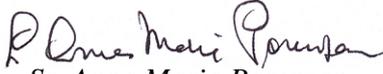
In 1962 she was appointed superior of the Lodi community and afterward was assigned to Naples. However, her stay there was brief because she was soon sent as a missionary to Spain. From 1966-1971, she served as superior of our Barcelona community. Afterward, she returned to Italy, where she carried out the service of superior in Arezzo. While there, she recounted with great simplicity the various duties she had carried out in the Congregation: "book center work, propaganda, verifying films, work in the kitchen and sewing room—in short, a little bit of everything, including work in the bookkeeping office, which I like and for which I have an inclination. I am not specialized in anything, but I know how to make do with what I have." Problems in the community did not scare her because she was convinced that the Lord would take care of things and draw good out of even difficult situations.

In 1972, obedience asked Sr. Clara to take a leap across the ocean to Colombia. When another sister praised her for her willingness to do this, she replied: "I haven't done anything praiseworthy. When the Lord wants something, he prompts us to accept his will and that is what I want to do. He is the one who guides our lives and this makes me happy."

In Colombia, Sr. Clara served as superior of the Bogota community and then worked in the Medellin book center. Afterward she returned to Italy and following a brief parenthesis in Milan was reassigned to her beloved Spain, where she worked in the SSP administration office in Madrid. In 1981, she was transferred to Verona, Italy to be closer to her mother, who was seriously ill. While there, she worked in the FSP bookkeeping office. Afterward, she served as local superior in Caltanissetta and then as bursar in Trent.

In 1985, Sr. Clara returned to Spain, where she worked in our Barcelona book center and bookkeeping office. In 1996 she was transferred first to the Calle Maranon community, Madrid and then to the delegation headquarters in Carril del Conde. To the end of her life, she was a sister who sincerely loved each of the members of her community and who was dearly loved in return.

We are close to all our sisters of Spain and especially those of Madrid as we say farewell to Sr. Clara, whom we ask to intercede for us to the Father. May he renew his pact with us, remember his promises and help many young people experience his strength so as to be, like Paul, instruments of his grace and salvation. Affectionately,


Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan
Superior General

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