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Dearest Sisters,

The Lord has visited us once again. At 12: 10 p.m. today, he stopped by Santa Caterina Hospital, Sao Paulo, Brazil, to call to eternal life our sister:

**RIBEIRO DE CAMPOS EUNICE – SR. LIDIA**  
**born in Bariri (SP), Brazil on 2 November 1926.**

Sr. Lidia entered the Congregation in the Domingos de Morais community, Sao Paulo on 4 March 1947. Soon after, she was asked to help carry out the diffusion apostolate in the dioceses of Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro. Yearning to dedicate herself totally to the Lord, she made her novitiate in Sao Paulo, concluding this stage of her formation with her first profession on 8 Dec. 1949, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. She spent her Juniorate in Rio de Janeiro, where she carried out capillary and collective diffusion and helped to conduct the Catechetical, Marian and Biblical Weeks organized by the sisters. In 1954, after her perpetual profession, she was assigned to the Curitiba and Salvador book centers. In 1963 she fell seriously ill and was transferred to the DM community in Sao Paulo to receive the care she needed. While there, she also helped out in the administration office. But unfortunately her health did not improve so she was sent to our Albano community, Italy, where she remained from 1966-1972. While there, she finally regained her health.


When she returned to Brazil, Sr. Lidia took several updating courses and also helped to organize the library of the Cidade Regina community. Following this, she was placed in charge of the provincial archives and also assigned to the administration sector for our Pauline magazines, located in the Domingo de Morais community. From 1981 up until two days ago, she worked in the administration sector, serving as local bursar in Maringa, Cidade Regina (SP), Brasilia and Sao Paulo Humberto I. In 2006, she was transferred to the province's central administration office in Sao Paulo DM, where she carried out her services with responsibility and expertise. Due to many years of experience with the bureaucratic system of Brasilia, she had acquired a certain facility in contacting and dealing with bureaucratic officials and any paper work entrusted to her care was always brought to a successful conclusion.

Due to declining health, Sr. Lidia was transferred about a month ago to the Sao Paulo community, the province's central headquarters. An expert at de-dramatizing situations, she was a good-natured person with a laugh that invited other people to also laugh. In fact, her warm and hearty laughter was very special and unforgettable. She loved to joke with the sisters and they all felt free to joke with her. Sr. Lidia was always young at heart, very accurate in her work, very accepting of others and a person in whom great trust could be placed. Wherever she went, she spread peace, love, communion and smiles. Everyone enjoyed her company because she was a truly cordial and welcoming person, besides being a very hard worker. In the last period of her life, she experienced heart problems that made bypass surgery necessary. When necessary, she underwent brief periods of hospitalization but as soon as she returned home she resumed her apostolic activities with a great sense of responsibility. She was tireless!

Two days ago, Sr. Lidia came down with pneumonia and was admitted to Santa Caterina Hospital. This morning her situation worsened and she was transferred to the intensive care unit. But her fragile heart was not able to meet this latest challenge and she experienced two consecutive heart attacks, rendering the bypass useless.

We are sure that Sr. Lidia, who called every sister "my flower," is now offering her own special perfume—that of love, liberty and joy—to the Lord in heaven.

Affectionately,

  
Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan  
Superior General

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