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Dearest Sisters,

At around 4 o'clock in the afternoon, in the "Cardarelli" Hospital of Naples, our sister suddenly passed away:

RIGOBELLO GIOVANNA – Sr. ANNA LUCIANA
born in Costa di Rovigo (Rovigo) on 11 June 1939

Sr. Luciana was hospitalized for a few days due to some complications caused by thrombosis and other lung problems. And in the silence of the night, in an unexpected way, the Divine Master arrived and drew her to himself to bestow on her the gift of resurrection and fullness of life.

She entered the Congregation in the house of Alba, at twenty-one years of age, on October 4, 1960. It was a time when the Congregation experienced rapid apostolic and vocational development accompanied by the Founder through his assiduous formation of the members. From the beginning, Sr. Luciana immersed herself in the beauty of her vocation and learned to consider the Pauline mission as "an irradiation of light, like the communication of truth".

After the period of formation and apostolic experience spent in Valle d'Aosta, she made her novitiate in Milan which concluded with her first profession on June 30, 1964. As a young professed sister, she was inserted in the technical apostolate of Rome, and then for some time was in charge of capillary and collective diffusion in the community of Verona.

After her perpetual profession in Alba in 1969, she began her long *curriculum* as a book-center sister in the communities of Gorizia, Treviso, Trieste, Como. For about nine years, she had the joy of dedicating herself to diffusion work through the Agency *Edizione Paoline* of Ancona.

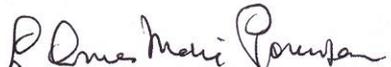
In 1986, she had the gift of a one-year break for theological updating in the community of Via Bosio, Rome. The following year she continued to dedicate herself in the bookcenter apostolate which so characterized her Pauline life. Foggia, Pordenone, Mantua, Trento, Rovigo, Naples Capodimonte, Reggio Emilia, Mantua were the communities where she spread the spirit of service, cordiality, love for people, sensitivity towards those who are suffering the most. She felt a sense of inadequacy towards a call that required a lot of preparation, but she trusted in the Lord's help and in the words of the Founder that she had assimilated: "Whether you are in the bookcenter, in the cinema or the propaganda apostolate...there is the grace of office. I trust in God, the Lord accompanies me. I will do what I can and place at his disposal my strength, my intelligence, my good will. I know very well that *I can do nothing, but with God I can do everything!*" (Alberione, 1960).

As a bookcenter sister, she was attentive, eager to better herself in the area of books as well as in the audiovisual sector. She was neat, precise, and eager to offer to customers a word of hope, of light, of love.

Because of her increasingly fragile health, she was inserted in the community of Naples Capodimonte to dedicate herself especially to the service of receptionist. Even to her last days, she made herself useful in a thousand small communitarian services; she enjoyed keeping the common areas tidy, sweeping the courtyard... But she had become more and more silent, as if perceiving the coming of the Bridegroom. Last Monday, while she was in the emergency room, she whispered: "I'm dying, I'm dying but I'm ready. May the Lord take me; I want to go with him. I'm ready...".

And the Father, in his infinite mercy, called her to himself precisely on this day in which Jesus, our Master, assures us of eternal life. She, who has eaten the Bread of Life day after day, will surely enjoy forever the joy of the eternal Easter.

Affectionately,


Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan
Superior General

Rome, 19 April 2018