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Dearest Sisters,

At 9:30 a.m. local time, in the silence of Holy Saturday, the Virgin Mary visited the intensive care unit of Nossa Senhora di Rocio Hospital, Curitiba, Brazil, to take home to heaven our sister:

**ROSSAROLLA NATALINA – SR. SILVIA**  
**born in Ribeirao S. Joao de Polesine (Santa Maria RGS), Brazil on 15 July 1933.**

Sr. Silvia was a simple sister who spent her entire life doing tireless good out of an ever-deeper desire to dedicate all her energy to the proclamation of the Gospel.

When she entered the Congregation on 6 April 1947 in the community of Porto Alegre, she was immediately assigned to the technical apostolate. She made her novitiate in the São Paulo DM community, concluding it with her first profession on 25 January 1953. Sr. Silvia was a joyous and zealous propagandist in the communities of Pelotas, Porto Alegre, São Paulo DM, Belo Horizonte, Uruguayana and Lins.

In São Paulo DM, she also worked in the book center for several years, after which, in 1978, she worked in the bindery of the large Cidade Regina (São Paulo) community for 12 consecutive years. She had learned from the lips of the Founder to consider the machines of the technical apostolate to be sacred because they were used to prepare the Word of God. Thus every signature she folded, every book on which she put the finishing touches, was enriched by her continual prayers for all the people destined to meet the Lord through the words in those texts. She was a true teacher in transmitting her apostolic passion to the young women in formation.

With filial love, Sr. Silvia dedicated herself for some time to the care of her seriously-ill mother. When she re-entered the community, her heart was brimming over with gratitude for the solidarity and affection that all the sisters had demonstrated toward her in that difficult period.

She was then assigned to various communities of the province (São Miguel Paulista, Cidade Regina, Fortaleza, Maringa), where she joyfully and lovingly carried out the many practical household services necessary to the life of the community. For Sr. Silvia, every moment of time was as precious as gold so she tried to use it well by generously carrying out a variety of services with loving creativity, including the repair of shoes, sandals, purses.... Everything she did was for the Lord and the proclamation of his Word.

In the last 20 years of her life, which she spent in the communities of Brasília and Curitiba, Sr. Silvia threw herself with great zeal into care of the flower beds, large vegetable garden and orchards on the community grounds. This work, which obliged her to learn the characteristics of various seeds and the seasons best adapted to sowing them, taught her “the secrets of the earth” and made her feel like a “caretaker” of the plants. Under her diligent cultivation, nature renewed its miracle of bringing forth new life.

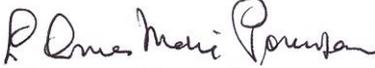
In the last stage of her life in Curitiba, Sr. Silvia expanded her garden apostolate to include house maintenance and rosary-making. She was especially happy to carry out the rosary apostolate, which deepened her intimacy with the Virgin Mary and helped her pray continually for all the people who would use those hand-crafted rosaries to draw closer to the Mother of God.

On the occasion of her 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of entrance into the Congregation, she had written: “I thank the Lord every day for the gift of life and for my Pauline vocation. I am very happy to have lived all these years for my beloved Spouse, Jesus.”

And her Spouse called her to himself almost unexpectedly. At the beginning of April, Sr. Silvia underwent an operation for gallstones. Unfortunately there were complications with the surgery, resulting in a generalized infection.

In this Easter climate, we are sure that our dear sister is already rejoicing in the light of the risen Lord and that her life is now hidden with Christ in God!

Affectionately,

  
Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan  
Superior General

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