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Dearest Sisters,

At 1:30 p.m. today, in the infirmary of our Divine Providence community, Alba, Italy, one of our sisters was born to eternal life:

**SALVONI MARINA – SR. MARIA INNOCENZA**  
**born in Urago d'Oglio (Brescia), Italy on 1 March 1928.**

Sr. M. Innocenza was truly an *innocent* sister—a simple and good, patient and silent person, who disseminated the perfume of humility and sweetness in all the communities in which she lived. She never had the chance to pursue higher studies but she was rich in the wisdom of God. We can well say that in her long life, following the example of the prophetess Anna, she served the Lord night and day, and never tired of praising God and “speaking about the Child” to everyone she met in carrying out the Pauline mission. How many times Sr. Innocenza *got up* and *set out* in a hurry, like Mary, to communicate the good news of the Gospel to countless people hungry and thirsty for love....

She entered the Congregation in the house of Alba on 18 June 1949, at the age of twenty-one. Soon afterward, she made her novitiate in Rome, concluding it with her first profession on 19 March 1952. As a young professed in the Vercelli community, she traveled far and wide in the many alpine valleys of Ossola, with bags full of books and a burning desire to meet families, young people and people living alone, so as to offer them words of joy and hope. After her perpetual profession in Rome in 1957, she returned to Vercelli and was later sent to Ivrea, where she diffused the Word to God to families, institutes and businesses. Afterward, she was transferred to Cosenza, where she double-checked the films that were rented and returned to the St. Paul Film Agency. From there she went on to Milan, where she was placed in charge of the FSP diffusion apostolate in that great diocese.

In Bergamo, Cremona and Chiavari, Sr. M. Innocenza gave the best of herself humbly, diligently and generously in community services and in the St. Paul Film Agency, which was making the transition to moviola films. In Chiavari, Bergamo and Novara she also carried out the service of superior. While stationed in Bergamo, she was called to live the difficult moment of the closure of the community and the passage of the book center to the Annunziate.

For about 15 years, Sr. M. Innocenza joyfully dedicated herself to book center work in Pavia, Alessandria, Tortona and Pordenone. Afterward, she worked for about 2 years in the kitchen of our Bologna community, until she was transferred to Alba in 2001. Although her health was slowly declining due to heart problems, she continued to carry out community services as much as she could, preparing the refectory, serving at table or helping to feed the sick sisters, to whom she offered her companionship also at other moments, raising their spirits with jokes and lighthearted conversations.

By 2005, her own health had become so fragile that she too required assistance—a “visit” of the Lord that she accepted with her customary simplicity and docility, with special sensitivity to the presence of God, who revealed himself with particular intimacy to her in this time of suffering. On her part, she entrusted herself to him and let herself be loved by him, allowing him to continue to work wonders of grace in her.

She passed to eternity so quietly and serenely that the sisters who were assisting her almost didn't realize that the moment of “great light” had come for her and that she had already moved to the other shore. For Sr. M. Innocenza, who had received the gift of being able to wait in silence and interiority, night and day, for the coming her Spouse, today the “holy day” arrived—a day of praise and blessing for her.

Affectionately,

  
Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan

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