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Dearest Sisters,

We want to let you know that at 2:00 p.m. today, local time, the Divine Master visited our Cidade Regina community, Sao Paulo, Brazil, to call to eternal life our sister:

**SBARAINI SR. ADA**  
**born in Porto Alegre, Brazil on 6 May 1934**

Sr. Ada entered the Congregation in the large formation community of Porto Alegre on 18 August 1951, blazing the trail for her sister, Sr. Querubina, who followed in her footsteps two years later.

She made her novitiate in the Divine Master community, Sao Paulo, concluding it with her first profession on 19 March 1956. Afterward, she worked for about 14 consecutive years in the typographies of Sao Paulo and Porto Alegre, becoming an expert in this apostolic activity. Beginning in 1970, she was assigned to the book centers of Fortaleza, Niteroi and Salvador successively, where she carried out her service attentively and enthusiastically, diffusing not only books but also her joy in the Pauline vocation and the timeliness of a charism that had conquered her life.

From 1986-1988, Sr. Ada was assigned once again to the Cidade Regina typography, after which she worked as bursar and the person in charge of household maintenance in the communities of Salvador, Porto Alegre, Sao Paulo (DM community), and the Alberione Institute community (also in Sao Paulo).

In 2005, she returned to Cidade Regina, where she carried out various household duties for as long as her health permitted.

Sr. Ada was a very outgoing and warm-hearted person. She loved the beauty of nature and would spend long periods of time in contemplation of the ocean, which spoke to her about the immensity of God. She was fortunate that many of the cities in which she was stationed were located on the coast and she took the opportunity to allow the sea air to benefit her health and thus stay “in shape” for the apostolate. Sr. Ada’s face was wreathed in a perpetual smile. She was always very sociable toward the sisters with whom she lived, joking with them and teasing them, but at the same time she was also very serious and responsible about her duties. She was a person of profound prayer, who loved the Pauline mission very much.

In the communities in which she carried out the service of bursar, the sisters remember her apostolic zeal and the way she conscientiously attended to the maintenance of the Congregation’s property. She was truly a good “mother,” who foresaw and provided for all needs.

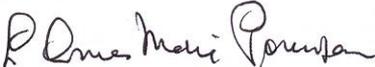
Sr. Ada was diagnosed as suffering from an aggressive form of Alzheimer’s disease and about two years ago her condition worsened due to other health problems. With great simplicity and naturalness, she withdrew to her room, where she was lovingly assisted by her caregivers and her sister, Sr. Querubina. Sr. Ada accepted her condition as a means of purification in preparation for the arrival of her Spouse, the Divine Master, whom she deeply loved and to whom she had dedicated her life.

The Collect of today’s Liturgy is particularly meaningful: “Father, you raised your Son from the dead and in him you defeated death once and for all. Help us to live, here on earth, his life in the Spirit and to view everything in the radiant light of the resurrection.”

Now that Sr. Ada is finally contemplating everything in this “radiant light,” she can “touch the clothes of the Master,” allow him to take her by the hand, listen to his voice of healing and renewal, and sing the new song of those who have experienced the mercy of the Lamb and follow him wherever he goes.

We are close to our sisters of Brazil as they say their final farewell to Sr. Ada, and especially to her sister, Sr. Querubina, who shared with her the last stage of her journey to heaven.

Affectionately,

  
Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan  
Superior General

Rome, 30 January 2018