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Dearest Sisters,

We received the news that at 9:40 p.m. yesterday, the Divine Master visited our Cidade Regina community, Sao Paulo, Brazil to call one of our sisters to share the glory of his transfiguration:

**STEIN SR. ANA ROSARIA**  
**born in Afonso Claudio (Sao Sebastiao) Brazil, on 15 May 1934.**

Sr. Ana Rosaria entered the Congregation in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on 17 June 1955, bringing with her the gift of her maturity and her profound yearning for self-donation to God.

After several years of initial formation in the Divine Master community, Sao Paulo, she made her novitiate in that same community, concluding it with her first profession on 30 June 1961. She spent her Juniorate in Recife, carrying out the service of driver and working in the book center. After making her perpetual vows in Sao Paulo, she was sent to Rio de Janeiro to carry out itinerant diffusion and help conduct book displays and Bible Weeks. This was followed by a time of theological formation and also the chance to study nursing—a decision that was to give direction to the rest of her Pauline life. In fact, from 1977-2015, except for a brief period of further study and two short stays in the communities of Fortaleza and Brasilia respectively, Sr. Ana dedicated herself to the service of the elderly and sick sisters in the Cidade Regina community, Sao Paulo, and to accompanying the infirmary assistance provided by the province.

In 2015, it was her turn to entrust herself to the nursing staff of the Cidade Regina community so as to receive the necessary care and treatment for Alzheimer's and Parkinson's diseases. Up to the last day of her life, Sr. Ana continued to irradiate peace and serenity to everyone around her. Even though it was very difficult for her to speak, her face always bore the serene smile that had helped to alleviate the sufferings of the many sisters she had taken care of over the years.

Sr. Ana was truly an exemplary nurse. Everyone was well aware of her tireless efforts to ensure that each sister she assisted was provided with the best possible therapy for her condition. Sr. Ana knew how to combine professional skill with maternal tenderness and solicitude, which she lavished on each person under her care. As a result, the circumscription's sick and elderly sisters felt accompanied, understood and supported in their needs. In her wisdom and competency, Sr. Ana was always objective, clear and prudent; she never frightened the sisters with confusing or exaggerated diagnoses. Her serenity instilled a sense of security and tranquility in everyone and although she was very active, she performed her services without "a lot of noise." She was a discreet, quiet, humble, kind and loving presence in the infirmary, never calling attention to herself or to the fact that her work could be very burdensome. She traveled from hospital to hospital and clinic to clinic around the city, accompanying sisters on their visits to the doctor or to undergo various medical tests. It can be said with complete accuracy that she spent her life doing good, in imitation of Jesus, who cured the sick without a lot of clamor.

But even with her heavy work load, Sr. Ana, the faithful spouse of Christ, always found time to nourish a loving relationship with her Bridegroom—time during which she cultivated more profoundly her Pauline vocation, which she loved passionately. It is wonderful to think that in harmony with today's Liturgy, the Divine Master allowed her to "touch the hem of his robe" at the end of her earthly existence, addressing to her words overflowing with hope: "Have courage. I am here. Don't be afraid."

Let us entrust Sr. Ana to the loving arms of Jesus, asking him to accompany her to our eternal homeland. Affectionately,

  
Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan  
Superior General

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