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Dearest Sisters,

Today, All Souls Day, God the Father called one of our sisters to contemplate his face forever:

TOSI LUISA – SR. MARIA TERESA
born in Marcignago (Pavia), Italy on 18 December 1931.

Everything happened suddenly: Sr. M. Teresa had been a patient for several days in St. Lazarus Hospital, Alba, Italy due to acute anemia. This afternoon, while a Mass for all the deceased of the Pauline Family was being celebrated in the nearby cemetery, she suffered a pulmonary embolism that swiftly transported her to the heavenly Jerusalem.

Sr. M. Teresa entered the Congregation in the community of Alba on 8 December 1950. A few months later she was sent to Rome, where she continued her formation and worked in the large and busy bindery. She made her novitiate in this community, concluding it with her first profession on 19 March 1954. Afterward, she carried out the Pauline apostolate through book center work in Ancona, then through collaboration with the impagination and graphics of the women's magazine, *Così*. In 1963 she was made the local superior of Como. This was followed by a number of years in the book center of Pavia, and then another term as superior, this time in Cremona.


Sr. M. Teresa wanted to improve her skills so as to carry out the Pauline mission better so while she was in Como she earned a diploma in typing and another in accounting. Afterward, she was placed in charge of the Lugano book center. In 1981 she was transferred to Rome. There a new stage of her life began when she was asked to promote the products of our Pauline music sector. She organized musical events such as concerts and other performances, touring Italy with well known and popular musicians who were giving prestige to the circumscription's music division at that time. Particularly noteworthy were the vocational testimonies that accompanied the concerts of singer-songwriter Giosy Cento and the contagious enthusiasm of Michele Paulicelli's musical, *Forza venite gente*. Sr. M. Teresa looked back on that period of her life as a beautiful apostolic experience. The sweet memory of those days returned to her again and again, including in this last period of her life in which she was suffering from the gradual advance of Alzheimer's disease, which had begun to manifest itself several years ago.

Sr. M. Teresa worked for ten years straight in the Social Communications Center of Brescia, where she made an important contribution to the diocesan radio apostolate. In 1996, the president of *Radiovoce* thanked her for her valuable contribution to this apostolate, saying: "Sr. Teresa's intelligent and competent presence and collaboration with this work merits our praise and gratitude. I want to underscore above all her contribution as a religious: her modest and well-controlled external behavior, her measured words and moderation all impart a tangible atmosphere of serenity to the department.... There is also general admiration for the fact that, as a religious, she so quickly learned the skills of radio broadcasting and made a concrete contribution to the technological changes underway. Without her, they would certainly have been more burdensome for us to face.... Sr. M. Teresa stimulated all of us in an exemplary way to work with a deep sense of responsibility as a team...."

In 2005, Sr. M. Teresa was assigned to our Verona community but because of poor health she was transferred to Rome in 2009. Here she carried out various secretarial services in the audiovisual department until her worsening physical condition forced her to retire from that sector and to carry out the apostolate of suffering full time.

She had been in Alba for only a few months when the Lord called her to himself, from the place in which 60 years earlier she had expressed her profound desire to dwell in his house forever. Today, in the land of the living, Sr. M. Teresa finally contemplates the face of the One she sought all her life.

Affectionately,


Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan
Vicar General

Rome, 2 November
All Souls Day