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Dearest Sisters,

In the midst of our intensive Chapter work, we received the news that this morning Jesus Master visited Queen of Apostles Hospital, Albano, Italy to make his last and most important call to one of our sisters:

ZAMBONI SR. LUCIA
born in Rovigo, Italy on 5 July 1936.

For several years, Sr. Lucia had been suffering the damaging effects of a tumor that was slowly undermining her system, obliging her in these last weeks to undergo continual blood transfusions. Then heart complications set in to hasten her return to our merciful Father.

Sr. Lucia entered the Congregation in the community of Alba on 13 October 1954. She already had a teacher's diploma and after her first profession in Rome on 30 June 1957 she was assigned to the documentation office of our central apostolic headquarters. At the same time she pursued in-house studies (a 2-year course in philosophy and a 4-year course in theology) so as to receive the preparation necessary to carry out various forms of the Pauline mission. She had the chance to put what she learned into concrete practice in the diffusion apostolate, which she carried out primarily through catechetical and biblical missions in Reggio Emilia. She made the most of these experiences to write a book entitled, "The Bible Mission Today."

After working for several years in our administration office in Milan, Sr. Lucia resumed her academic studies, this time focusing on the cinema apostolate. She took courses from Fr. Thaddeus, sj, and obtained a diploma as cinema teacher and debate director. Following this, she attended the Pro Deo University in Rome, where she received a diploma in the science and techniques of public opinion, with a specialization in cinema. For several years, Sr. Lucia taught courses within the Congregation on this subject. Following this, she was assigned to the St. Paul Film Study Center, where she collaborated with other FSPs in carrying out animations in the field of cinema. Later, in the community of Trent, she worked in the diocesan communications office, where she guided courses on how to interpret films.

After a brief period in the St. Paul Film Agency of Cagliari, Sr. Lucia was transferred to SPICS (the International Pauline Study Center for Social Communications), where she taught a course on how to understand and interpret the structure of films. She then went on to carry out pastoral animations in Sardinia, Ferrara and Ravenna, and, in addition to book center work, also prepared programs for these diocesan radio stations. Sr. Lucia had a strong ecclesial sense and a deep love for the Bible and communications: she wanted to make use of every media possibility to present the beauty of the Word of God in the most appealing way.

In Verona, she worked in the diocesan Missionary Office and for Radio Peace, and also contributed articles to the diocesan newspaper, "Verona Fedele." Following this, she was assigned to Bologna, Alba, Turin and Cicogna successively. In each of these dioceses she carried out animations in the field of communications. In 2002, she was transferred to Arezzo, where she continued to work in diocesan offices and collaborated with the diocesan newspaper, "Toscana oggi."

About a year ago, Sr. Lucia was inserted into the James Alberione community, Albano, so as to receive the care she needed for her declining health.

The life of this dear sister is a message for all of us who are called in this time to reflect more deeply on our call to be "light"—that is, to radiate the light of the Gospel in the complex world of digital communications. We place in Sr. Lucia's hands these last days of our General Chapter, asking her to beg the Lord to place his fire in our hearts, his words on our lips and to give us a prophetic gaze so as to offer everyone the charity of the truth. With deep affection,


Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan
Superior General

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