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Dearest Sisters,

At 2:00 a.m. this morning, the Lord visited our Divine Providence community of Rome, Italy to call another sister to himself so that she could finally “rejoice to see his day”:

ZUCCA ANNETTA – SR. M. CLAUDIA
born in Nuragus (Nuoro), Italy on 21 May 1922.

In May 2008, Sr. M. Claudia wrote: “I thank the Lord every day for the gift of my vocation and for having led me into this Congregation.” Our dear sister lived her Pauline vocation in a spirit of joy, simplicity, silence and profound gratitude. Since she entered the Congregation in Cagliari (Sardinia) on 23 September 1942, at the height of World War II, she immediately had the chance to experience, along with her companions, how God was protecting the Institute. She spent the first years of her aspirancy in Sardinia, carrying out capillary and collective propaganda. On 19 January 1945, she was sent to Rome to continue her formation and learn the technical apostolate, in particular the typography.

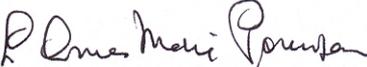
She made her novitiate in Rome, concluding it with her first profession on 19 March 1947. She spent the rest of her life in this city, with the exception of a short apostolic experience in Milan and another brief “parenthesis” in Cagliari. The huge Via Antonino Pio community was her home and the typography the place of her generous self-offering to God. Over the years, she taught the art of printing to countless aspirants and young professed sisters, all of whom deeply appreciated the precision, punctuality and industriousness with which she carried out her work. Sr. M. Claudia was a kind, simple and serene person with a positive outlook on life. She was always happy to help other sisters, especially those assigned to learn the apostolic activity she carried out with such care and passion. She had learned from the Founder himself to consider the typography as a “classroom,” the printing presses as “pulpits” and the paper, inkwells and typesetting forms as instruments given to the Congregation by God to carry out the Pauline mission.

The noise of the linotype machines, printing presses, sewing machines and cutters was music to her ears and her favorite “perfume” was the scent of ink. During her many decades in Rome, in particular in the typography, Sr. M. Claudia was a faithful and silent witness to unforgettable events. She lovingly collaborated with the printing of the Congregation’s in-house news bulletin and the writings of the Founder and M. Thecla that were then sent to the local communities and the whole Pauline Family. Together with her friend Sr. Clementina Laudanno, she enthusiastically printed many series of books such as “The Works of the Fathers and Doctors of the Church,” “The Acts and Speeches of the Popes,” “The Good Shepherd Guides Us,” etc. She also helped to print the many biographies and books on spirituality, formation and catechesis that issued from our Rome typography.

In 1995, Sr. M. Claudia was asked to run the technical office of the Via Antonino Pio community, but in 2006 she was assigned to another department. She never complained about anything and was always grateful for the smallest favor done for her, as well as for every visit, greeting or remembrance she received. A modest and detached person, she never reprimanded anyone for anything. When she celebrated her 60th anniversary of profession in 2007, she wrote: “I want to thank everyone for their best wishes.... I have tried to live my time here on earth well. My soul glorifies the Lord....”

We too praise and thank the Lord for all that he accomplished in this small (Sr. Claudia was physically very petite) but great servant of his, through whom he manifested his goodness and mercy. And we pray that Sr. M. Claudia, having passed through the valley of death, has now reawakened to rejoice forever in the presence of the Divine Master.

Affectionately,


Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan
Superior General

Rome, 10 April 2014