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Dearest Sisters,

At about 3:00 this morning, the Divine Master visited the infirmary of our Alba, Italy community, to call to eternal glory one of our sisters who had accompanied him for many years on the road to Calvary:

ZUCCHERINO SR. INES
born in Tramonti (Salerno), Italy on 21 April 1938.

At this supreme moment in the life of Sr. Ines, we want to remember her above all as a passionate and competent book center sister—an apostle who, with a smile on her lips and a heart filled with love, dedicated herself wholeheartedly to the book center mission so as to enable everyone who visited our apostolic center to find the path to life.

Sr. Ines entered the Congregation in Salerno on 1 February 1952 at the age of 14. Although still an adolescent, she was moved to take this step out of the generous desire to offer herself completely to the Lord. After her initial formation, during which she worked in the Pauline typography in Rome, she was sent to Livorno to carry out the propaganda apostolate. She returned to Rome for her novitiate, which concluded with her first profession on 30 June 1958. Sr. Ines spent her entire Juniorate working in the Livorno book center, after which she returned to Rome to prepare for her perpetual profession. In view of that event, her formation mistress, Sr. Concettina Borgogno, wrote to her: “May the Gospel, the crucified Christ and the Holy Eucharist sustain you in difficulties, comfort you in adversity and illuminate your spiritual journey. Meditate often on the fact that the reward promised to those who begin will be awarded only to those who persevere to the end.... My heartfelt best wishes that the joy and good will you experience on the day of your perpetual profession will continue to increase up to the happy moment at which you will make your ‘eternal profession’ in heaven!”

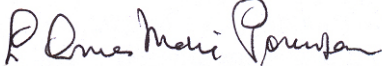
We can verify that Sr. Ines was faithful to her “yes” up to the end of her life: faithful during the beautiful years in which she zealously worked in our Livorno, Ancona, Brescia, Palermo, Arezzo, Ferrara and Albano book centers; faithful during her service as local superior for several terms in Treviso and Mantua; and faithful above all during her long years of suffering due to brain atrophy—an incurable malady that struck her at the peak of her apostolic activity. Transferred to Alba in 2005 to receive the care she needed, Sr. Ines truly lived the passion of our Lord and Master, placing in his hands her entire life and the progressive destruction of her body.

We will always remember her apostolic ardor and her love for the many priests and seminarians she helped from the book center and whose formation she accompanied through her prayers and daily self-offering to the Lord. We will also remember Sr. Ines’ great capacity for *studiosità*: after a day of intensive and joyous work in the book center, she would sit down in the evening with a tall stack of books so as to keep herself updated in the publishing field. She was eager to become familiar with new publications and study them more profoundly so as to be able to offer them to the right individuals at the right time. In fact, Sr. Ines attained a high degree of professional skill in her service, motivated by her firm belief that the book center is a pulpit from which the Word of God is proclaimed.

During her novitiate (1958), Fr. Alberione presented the FSPs with the mystical dimension of the book center apostolate, saying: “If the book center sister leaves home with Jesus, if she feels that he is within her, that she herself serves as a tabernacle to offer him to others, then she will treat everyone kindly, simply and promptly. She will be almost afraid of anything that could distract her from the One she bears within her.... It is a matter of teamwork: Jesus working through me to increase his grace in the people I meet. It is he who enlightens them and prompts them to seek the light of God.” Sr. Ines carried out her apostolate with this attitude and profound conviction. And during the last stage of her life, the Lord called her to complete her mission through suffering, by means of which she fecundated the seeds she had scattered so abundantly during her lifetime.

As we begin Holy Week, let us entrust Sr. Ines to our merciful Father, in the certitude that she is already rejoicing in the dawn of the resurrection.

Affectionately,


Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan
Vicar General

Rome, 24 March 2013 (Palm Sunday)