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Dearest Sisters,

At about 6:45 this morning, one of our sisters hospitalized in the Domus Salutis Hospice in Bresica, Italy, fell asleep gently in the Lord:

BRISTOT LUCIANA – SR. M. CARLA
born in Ponte nelle Alpi (Belluno), Italy on 7 November 1934.

Sr. M. Carla was a sunny, joyous and generous person, perpetually animated by the desire to dedicate her entire being to the Pauline mission and her sisters. She entered the Congregation in Rome on 7 December 1954 and was immediately given the chance to channel all her energies into the apostolate through capillary and collective diffusion in the city and work in the shipping department.

She made her novitiate in Rome, concluding it with her first profession on 30 June 1958. For the next ten years, she dedicated herself with youthful enthusiasm to propaganda in the diocese of Treviso. Her exuberant nature and ability to establish friendships favored her apostolic activities and enabled her to forge warm relationships with pastors, Pauline collaborators and families. She had a special predilection for the families of our sisters and all the members of the Pauline Family.

In 1967, Sr. Carla was transferred to Ancona, where she worked in the book center, and in 1975 to Cicogna (Arezzo), where she carried out the service of driver for the community, which at that time welcomed the sisters of the Italian Province for meetings and courses of spiritual exercises. Sr. Carla felt at home in the warm family atmosphere characteristic of the Tuscan towns and villages. Everywhere she went, she disseminated words of encouragement and hope, which were often returned by the people in the form of generous donations of fruit, vegetables and the region's famous wine.

Sr. Carla wrote to her provincial superior: "I am at the service of the good God and I willingly do what he reveals to me moment by moment through my superiors. I am convinced that it is not any particular house or work or diploma that will make me happy but rather a life dedicated to Christ in love. Everything is beautiful when one lives solely for him. I am trying to make the abilities the Lord has given me yield the maximum fruit for the apostolate and my sanctification."

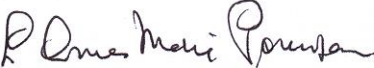
In 1979, Sr. Carla was transferred to the Divine Providence community (Via Antonino Pio), Rome, where she was placed in charge of the stockroom and then was asked to serve as driver for that big community. After this, obedience sent her back to Treviso, where she worked in the book center for another 15 years. She continued to keep in touch with the families of our sisters through telephone calls that they all looked forward to because her words brought them a breath of life, hope and fraternity.

After a brief period in Mestre, Sr. Carla was assigned to the community of Brescia, where she carried out numerous services, in particular that of errand-runner. Besides befriending countless priests, religious and book center clients, she was on excellent terms with many of the city's shop owners, supermarket personnel and gas station attendants. For each and every person she had a word of faith and gratitude. Even a major operation for pancreatic cancer gave Sr. Carla the chance to extend her circle of friends to the hospital's medical staff and employees. She would have preferred to continue her medical treatments in Brescia, where she had been stationed for the last ten years, but a few days ago, desiring to be obedient to her superiors, she accepted their proposal that she be transferred to the Thecla Merlo community of Albano.

Sr. Carla's situation was serious but not acute, even though it was necessary for her to be hospitalized just before Christmas due to a pulmonary thrombosis.

And today, she fulfilled the desire she had expressed in her letter requesting admission to perpetual profession, in which she wrote: "I am happy and I want to say a generous *yes* to the Lord at every instant of my life up to the last time I say it, which will certainly be the most beautiful moment of all." It was a *yes* Sr. Carla yearned to make and a moment for which she had lovingly prepared herself throughout her life.

Affectionately,


Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan
Superior General

Rome, 19 January 2016