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Dearest Sisters,

This morning, around 6am, in the Tecla Merlo community in Pasay City (Philippines), the Divine Master drew to himself more intimately, our dear sister

TARIMAN Sr. CORAZON

born in Minalabac (Camarines Sur – Philippines) on June 6, 1942

Last October 13th, Sr. Corazon underwent surgery at the St. John of God Hospital, to remove a stomach tumor that had metastasized. Considering the gravity of the situation, she underwent treatment using alternative medicine and spent these final months in Pasay City in a spirit of serenity, peace and in a climate of intense prayer and thanksgiving. She was ready for the encounter with her Lord and with great satisfaction she would add to the intentions for which she lived her offering, keeping always in mind the Church, the Congregation, the superiors, and the holiness of the sisters.

On the occasion of the feast of the Divine Master, she wrote to the superior general, a few days after the surgery: «I place my life in the hands of God so that he may do with me as he wills. I embrace his holy will with an open heart. I adore the inscrutable designs of God and submit with all my heart to his love. I unite my sacrifice to that of Jesus so that I may be conformed to his life. In life and in death I belong to God. I desire to go to Paradise where all the Pauline saints enjoy a blessed peace».

Sr. Corazon entered the Congregation in the house of Pasay City (Manila-Philippines) on August 18th, 1962, after having obtained, while still at home, her high school diploma. She lived her novitiate in Lipa which concluded with her first profession on June 30, 1967. On that occasion she expressed profound feelings of unworthiness before the great gift of the Pauline vocation and at that same time she presented to the superior general her request to be a missionary in Malaysia. Sr. Corazon was never able to carry out the Pauline mission outside the boundaries of her own country but she totally fulfilled the dream to bring the Gospel to so many people through long years of “propaganda” traveling on foot but especially by car, through the numerous Philippine Islands. She lived her Juniorate in Lipa and right after her perpetual profession she dedicated herself to the bookcenter in Manila and Cebu. She completed her religious formation at the Institute of the “Queen of Apostles” and then became an active bookcenter sister in Manila and in Quezon City.

From 1983 until just a few months ago, she continued to dedicate herself especially to the service of chauffeur in Davao, Lipa, Cebu, Bacolod and Zamboanga. She was an apostle, full of energy and who did not mind fatigue in order to announce the Gospel in schools, parishes, factories and offices. She was a great worker, capable of many sacrifices so as to reach the families that were the farthest away and to bring to them a word of comfort and hope. The priority of priorities always remained the intense and quality relationship with her Master in prayer, in daily adoration, in meditation on the Word. She loved the Congregation so much and until the end she continued to carry in her heart the initiatives and international encounters, allowing herself to be fully involved. She was very careful in her preparation for communitarian sharings on the study of the Constitutions which she considered to be the life of her life.

For some years, at different times, she was called upon to assist in the care of her elderly and sick mother and she expressed great gratitude to the Congregation for this gift as well.

Sr. Corazon was characterized by an “explosive” joy, a contagious smile and a profound humility. One of her expressions and a favorite one was the request for forgiveness. And even not too long before she died she continued to repeat with full consciousness, “Forgive me. Forgive me....I love you all....I offer everything to the Lord.” Her life is a most beautiful commentary on the prayer of Azariah that the liturgy offers us on this Tuesday of Lent: the contrite heart and humbled spirit of Sr. Corazon were certainly sacrifices that are pleasing to God, an offering that obtains salvation and renews for all of us the wonders of grace and mercy of the Father who is in heaven.

Affectionately,

Sr Anna Maria Parenzan

Vicaria generale

Rome, March 13, 2012