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Dearest Sisters,

At 8:30 this evening, the Blessed Virgin visited the San Raffaele wing of our Albano, Italy community to welcome into her loving embrace our sister:

**ANELANTE SR. LUCIA**  
**born in Città Sant'Angelo (Pescara), Italy on 7 March 1925.**

This simple, kind-hearted and humble sister truly passed among us disseminating her goodness everywhere. She lived quietly, seeming to almost seek the hidden life, but nevertheless the perfume of her virtues spread throughout the Albano community, which was her home for decades.

She entered the Congregation in Alba on 1 March 1949. After a period of initial formation and a brief apostolic experience in the community of Genoa, she was sent to Rome to make her novitiate. This stage of her formation journey concluded with her first profession on 19 March 1952. As a young professed, she worked in the kitchens of Alba and Rome. Following this, she carried out the diffusion apostolate in Vercelli and Ravenna for more than 15 years. In 1972, she was transferred to Albano and remained there as a care-giver for the rest of her life, carrying out her apostolate of self-offering to the very end.

Sr. Lucia performed her services with great generosity and love, willingly taking upon herself the exhausting duties of night watch in particular. How many nights she spent at the bedside of suffering patients! How many rosaries she prayed as she went from one hospital ward to another, moving so quietly as to be almost unnoticed. Sr. Lucia never received a diploma in nursing or any other form of care-giving, but her tenderness and consideration for others made her truly worthy of a diploma in health care. She was in charge of the kitchenettes in various hospital departments, especially the surgery and medicine wings, where meals from the hospital kitchen were delivered and prepared for distribution to the patients. How many plates Sr. Lucia washed, how many smiles she diffused and how much consolation she offered everyone as she performed her services! Her sweet smile hid many moral sufferings that she never allowed to weigh on others. Continual prayer was her strength, the source of her unquenchable serenity. Sr. Lucia's life is part of the story of holiness, self-sacrifice, suffering and a strong feeling of love and belonging to the Congregation that has always been the trademark of our Albano community. Like the other members of that community, Sr. Lucia offered her life and spent her energies to concretize the intentions closest to the heart of our Founder, who said:

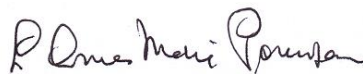
"May wave after wave of prayer continually flow out of this Clinic in atonement for sins committed through modern instruments: the press, cinema, radio, TV, etc. May the waves of grace [unleashed from here] reach all those who carry out the apostolate, enabling Jesus Master, Way, Truth and Life to penetrate society, so that modern civilization will be inspired by the doctrine he brought us from the Father and so that it might spread throughout the world."

About 6 years ago, Sr. Lucia developed Parkinson's disease and also suffered a stroke. In the last stage of her life, she would often cry out in agony, especially when eating, due to mouth ulcers. But she embraced every suffering as an opportunity to atone for her sins.

The Lord's definitive call to her came peacefully, with the sisters of her community gathered around her, praying with her and for her, uniting themselves to her offering of her life to God.

Poised as we are on the threshold of Advent, we can view Sr. Lucia's life as an incarnation of the ardent plea: "Come, Lord Jesus!" And we are consoled by the conviction that, for her, the reply of her Spouse has already been transformed into the sure promise: "Yes, I am coming quickly!"

Affectionately,

  
Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan  
Superior General

Rome, 27 November 2015