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Dearest Sisters,

At 3:00 p.m. this afternoon, Holy Thursday, the Divine Master visited Cardarelli Hospital, Naples, Italy to call to the eternal Paschal celebration in heaven our sister:

BOZZA MACRINA – SR. MARIA ALBERTA
born in S. Arcangelo Trimonte (Benevento), Italy, on 8 June 1930.

Sr. M. Alberta entered the Congregation in the house of Rome on 12 October 1946. During her initial formation, she worked first in the technical apostolate and then carried out capillary and collective diffusion in Matera. She made her novitiate in Rome, concluding it with her first profession on 19 March 1950. As a young professed sister she contracted a serious illness which made it necessary for her to spend a prolonged period of time in our Albano clinic. She was filled with joy when, in 1958, she was able to return to the active apostolate. She was assigned first to the St. Paul Film Agency of Sassari and then that of Naples. Sr. Alberta loved the cinema apostolate and received suitable training for it by taking courses in the subject for which she received a diploma.

In Naples, she collaborated with the Local Church in a significant way for 15 years as Secretary of the Catholic Cinema Association, whose first office was located in the St. Paul Film Agency of that city. Sr. Alberta was a member of the commission that reviewed films and was in charge of the conference hall placed at the disposal of the group by the Film Agency. Here, the Association held cultural events and formed people to direct cineforums. In a short time these persons had established cineforum groups throughout the diocese.

Sr. Alberta looked back on those years as the most beautiful and gratifying time of her life. She said: "We not only felt that we were inserted in the Local Church, but that we were her true collaborators, valued as individuals and as a Congregation. It was a time rich in vocations...."

In Naples, Sr. Alberta carried out for one mandate the service of councilor in the new province of South Italy, established on an experimental basis in 1970. In 1981 she was transferred to Rome, where she was inserted in the Castro Pretorio community and worked in the book center. Afterward, she returned to Naples, where she was assigned first to the Duomo and then to the Capodimonte communities. She spent a few years in the Divine Master community of Rome and then returned once again to Naples to carry out the service of receptionist. But Sr. Alberta's health was progressively declining and in 2008, just before undergoing an operation, she confided to the Superior General: "I am in the hands of God and his will. I am praying and offering myself for the holiness of all the members of our Congregation." The year previously, she had written: "I thank the Lord for calling me to our Institute while I was a teenager, for having allowed me to know the Founder and M. Thecla, and for having absorbed their teachings. I hope to live the rest of my days in fidelity to the love of Christ and to my beloved Congregation."

We are sure that during the last stage of her life Sr. Alberta preserved in her heart the content of the small messages she received over the years from Maestra Thecla, such as: "May Baby Jesus give you the grace to sow serenity and joy wherever you go. This is a mission pleasing to God and to the sisters." And: "Always trust in God, in Mary and in St. Paul. When you are confronted with problems, pray, trust God in everything, be humble and strive to earn merits for heaven."

Prayer was the nourishment and comfort that accompanied Sr. Alberta in the last days of her life when she underwent surgery for a broken leg. It appeared that everything had gone well but yesterday her condition deteriorated and she had to be hospitalized urgently. And today, unexpectedly, the time arrived for her to move from this world to the house of the Father, where we are sure she has received the overflowing love he has poured out on the Church today, Holy Thursday.

Affectionately,


Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan
Superior General

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