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Dearest Sisters,

At about 8:30 this evening, the Divine Master visited Queen of Apostles Hospital, Albano, Italy to call to eternal joy our sister:

FULVI GIUSEPPINA – SR. LIDIA
born in Capitignano (Aquila), Italy on 16 January 1924.

It all happened very unexpectedly. Last Monday, Sr. Lidia was taken from Naples to Albano because she was in a lot of pain. She immediately underwent surgery and it was discovered that she had cancer, which had already spread throughout her body. In spite of the fact that she was 91 years old, she had been getting ready to travel back to her hometown to take a short vacation with her family but the Lord, in his inscrutable way, asked her to make another kind of “trip.”

Sr. Lidia, who had been a member of the Naples community for more than 20 years, was a simple and serviceable person, always attuned to the needs of the sisters. She took care of the community refectory and was always careful to see that nothing was lacking, especially the coffee! Her life was characterized by self-donation and love, expressed in straightforward and concrete ways.

She entered the Congregation in Rome on 10 July 1942. After several years of formation, she made her novitiate in Rome, concluding it with her first profession on 19 March 1946. Immediately afterward, she dedicated herself to the “propaganda” apostolate in the communities of Foggia, Reggio Calabria, Aquila, and Crotona. She spent almost 40 years taking the Word of God to the people of the Puglia, Calabria and Abruzzo regions of Italy. The propaganda apostolate gave a particular “color” to her Pauline life. In fact, the only updating courses she took were those organized for the sisters involved in capillary and collective diffusion. Her experiences carrying out this mission gave her a wealth of joyful memories in her later years...how many stories she had to tell about “going forth” to the people so as to bring every person and family the good news of the Gospel!

The book “*Cose belle cose vere*” (*Beautiful and True Stories*) includes one of these personal memoirs, in which Sr. Lidia underscores how much good can be done by leaving a family something as simple as a wall calendar. In the narrative, she says that the picture of the Sacred Heart on the calendar transformed and gave new direction to the life of the woman who purchased it. She concludes her story with the statement: “That is how something as small and simple as a calendar can serve as an instrument of good, if it is accompanied by the grace of God. This is just one example, but I could recount many more!”

In 1984, Sr. Lidia was asked to leave the diffusion apostolate so as to carry out household duties in the communities of Crotona, Agrigento and Naples/Capodimonte successively. Always attentive to the sisters and prompt to meet their needs, she carried out the services assigned to her conscientiously and carefully. Prayer gave “wings” to her days, and her certainty that the Lord was with her filled her with peace and serenity. She nourished a special gratitude toward Maestra Thecla, saying that soon after Prima Maestra’s death, she obtained for Sr. Lidia the healing of severe dizzy spells that were very bothersome and that often forced her to take to her bed, even when she was out on propaganda missions.

Like all those who are poor and humble, Sr. Lidia lived in an attitude of praise and thanksgiving to God. On her 60th anniversary of profession, she said with conviction that the rest of her life would not be long enough to thank him for all the graces he had poured out on her.

Now Sr. Lidia can thank the Lord face-to-face for all eternity and we are sure that in return he has given her the reward he promised to all his “postmistresses,” who take his Gospel to every family with great love. Affectionately,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'P. Anna Maria Parenzan'. The script is cursive and somewhat stylized.

Sr Anna Maria Parenzan
Superior General

Rome, 31 July 2015