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Dearest Sisters,

At 6:30 this evening, the Divine Master visited the James Alberione community, Albano, Italy, to call to his dwelling of light and peace our sister:

MAZZUCATO SR. IDA
born in Pontelongo (Padua), Italy on 10 February 1932.

Sr. Ida entered the Congregation in Alba on 26 September 1949, following in the footsteps of her older sister, Sr. Virginia, who had entered the Institute in the same community the year previously. As a postulant, Ida carried out the Pauline apostolate in Verona and was then sent to Rome to make her novitiate, concluding this stage of her formation with her first profession on 19 March 1952.

Sr. Ida spent her Juniorate in Novara, carrying out capillary and collective diffusion in that large diocese at the foot of the Alps. After making her perpetual profession in 1956, she spent 9 years working in our Venice book center, which became her “pulpit” of evangelization. Afterward, she carried out the same apostolate zealously and professionally in the dioceses of Arezzo, Treviso, Verona and Brescia.

In 1984 Sr. Ida underwent a year of updating in the Via dei Lucchesi community, Rome, after which she was assigned to the Divine Providence community of Via Antonino Pio, where she worked in the Sector for Non-Pauline Editions and also at the reception desk.

In 1993 she suffered a severe stroke, making an emergency operation necessary. For several days she lingered between life and death. When she finally awakened from her coma, she initiated a long and grueling rehabilitation regime which, however, did not yield the outcome hoped for. Because of her situation of invalidity, she was transferred first to the Thecla Merlo community, Albano, and then, in 2009, to the James Alberione community in the same town.

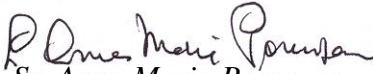
Sr. Ida’s situation was in harmony with what she had written in her youth—words that she asked be inserted in the announcement of her death: “I hope in you, Lord, and I know my hope is not in vain. The only thing I ask is to do your will, taking advantage of every moment of my life to work for eternity and for the intentions you know I carry in my heart.”

From her earliest years in the Congregation, Sr. Ida yearned to go to the missions. She never left Italy for distant shores but she was a missionary in the full sense of the word because from her wheelchair she offered her life and sufferings for all religious serving overseas, especially her brother, a missionary in the Congo. Through her sufferings and self-offering, Sr. Ida shared the passion of Christ: in fact, the cross is the symbol and synthesis of what this dear sister lived day after day.

A few days ago, she told her caregivers that she longed for heaven. The Lord must have been listening because he promptly satisfied her yearning. Her health had been fragile for some time due to respiratory problems but a recent medical check-up had revealed that her physical condition was not life-threatening. This evening, however, a fit of coughing at supper resulted in respiratory complications that swiftly concluded her life here on earth and led to her definitive meeting with the Divine Master.

In thanking Sr. Ida for her life and self-offering, we place her in the merciful arms of God the Father, asking him to envelop her in his love and put a new song—the song of the saved—on her lips.

With deep affection,


Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan
Superior General

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