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Dearest Sisters,

The Lord has once again passed among us. At 2:30 p.m. today, he visited Queen of Apostles Hospital, Albano, Italy, to call to himself our sister:

MUCCIANTE SR. OLGA
born in Casteldelmonte (Aquila), Italy on 7 March 1928.

Sr. Olga entered the Congregation in the community of Rome on 8 January 1945. After a period of initial formation, she made her novitiate in Grottaferrata (Rome), concluding it with her first profession on 19 March 1949. She was immediately assigned to the “propaganda” apostolate, which she carried out in Siena, Rovigo, Cremona, Como and Potenza, traveling the streets of these dioceses with bags overflowing with the Gospel and other good reading. It was a fatiguing but very joyful mission that always remained in her heart and that distinguished her life as a Pauline apostle, offering her powerful motivations for her prayer and daily self-offering to the Lord.

In 1969, she was transferred to the St. Paul Film Agency of Salerno. She wrote to her provincial superior: “I am very happy in this community and with my new work and I am doing my best to learn it well. I would like to take specialized courses in this field so as to carry out my apostolate always better.”

Later, Sr. Olga was assigned to the book centers of Potenza, Matera and Benevento, one after the other, where she carried out her duties with love and great attention to the people. In 1979, she had the chance to participate in a year-long renewal course on the charism held in Alba, after which she was sent to Palermo. She worked in the St. Paul Film Agency in this city for the next 12 years and during this time also served as errand-runner for the community.

In 1992, she was transferred to Naples/Capodimonte and from there to Aquila where, for the next 10 years she contributed with great simplicity to spreading a serene and joyful atmosphere in the community through her service as cook. Perceiving the importance of this work, she strove to ensure that the sisters, freed from household services, could carry out the direct mission of the Institute full time. On her 80th birthday, she wrote: “I have always been very happy with my Pauline vocation, in spite of the problems I have encountered on my journey. I thank the Lord every day for such a great gift, which brings to mind my father’s prayer that all his children would persevere in their vocation in life.”

Sr. Olga was stationed for a time in La Spezia, followed by 8 years in Arezzo. During this period, her health began to steadily decline. In September 2014, she was transferred to the Thecla Merlo community of Albano because due to her physical frailty she had suffered many falls. A few months ago she underwent a leg operation in Rome, after which she was moved to a clinic in Nemi (near Albano) for physical therapy. But because she was very weak, the therapy was suspended in mid-October and she was transferred to the James Alberione community, Albano. A few days ago her situation became critical due to a severe case of pneumonia, which made it necessary for her to be admitted to Queen of Apostles Hospital.

Thus the profound yearning of our dear sister was fulfilled. In fact, she had written on her Golden Jubilee of religious consecration: “My deepest desire is to belong completely to the Lord.” On the day of her perpetual profession (19 March 1954), Fr. Alberione exhorted the neo-professed: “You will remember this day at the point of death, as you prepare to move to eternity and make your final, eternal profession. At that moment, the priest will not only say to you, ‘receive the hundredfold and eternal life,’ but in a certain way will introduce you to this.... Then you will remember that you received the hundredfold of graces in this life and you will bless the Lord for it.... And when he says, ‘Come, spouse of Christ,’ you will reply with a wholehearted *yes* to your divine vocation.”

Today we want to thank Sr. Olga for being “a chosen flower placed before the Tabernacle for her whole life” (cf. Homily of Blessed J. Alberione, 19 March 1954).

Affectionately,


Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan
Superior General

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