



ISTITUTO PIA SOCIETÀ
FIGLIE DI S. PAOLO
CASA GENERALIZIA
Via S. Giovanni Eudes, 25
00163 Roma
Tel. 06.661 3039 - Fax 06.661 57 208



Dearest Sisters,

Shortly after midnight last night, the eve of the Feast of the Ascension, God our Father visited the San Raffaele wing of our Albano community, Italy to lead to joy and fullness of life our sister:

CORDA UNDICILLA –SR. ANNA LUISA
born in Furtei (Cagliari), Italy, on 21 February 1936.

Sr. Anna Luisa entered the Congregation in the community of Cagliari on 20 August 1957 at the age of 21. She underwent her initial formation in Rome and then made her novitiate there, concluding it with her first profession on 30 June 1961, Feast of the Apostle Paul. Her Pauline life was certainly marked by the prophetic words of the Founder in his homily for that occasion, in which he reaffirmed Paul's role as the father and inspirer of our Institute. Fr. Alberione roused the enthusiasm of the young women in a very concrete way by pointing out that the pedestal on which the Apostle of the Gentiles stood was their very heart.

Feeling herself a "Pauline" to the depths of her being, Sr. Anna Luisa traveled the roads and valleys of the Trent region, organizing book displays in the area's schools, Institutes, businesses and vacation resorts. With humility and zeal, she also visited hundreds of families, offering them the Gospel and other books that could foster their spiritual and human growth.

In 1966, she returned to Rome to prepare for her perpetual profession, after which she resumed the Institute's itinerant mission in the dioceses of Vercelli, Sassari and Nuoro. She worked for several years in the St. Paul Film Agencies in Cagliari, Sassari and Bologna, where she witnessed first-hand how powerful an instrument of evangelization and catechesis the cinema could be.

In Alba, in 1978, she welcomed with great openness of heart a year of spiritual renewal, along with other sisters. For her, it was a "time out" that she deeply appreciated because, among other things, it put her in contact with the "holy soil" of the Congregation's origins and gave her the chance to relish a time of more prolonged and profound prayer and a rediscovery of her vocational values. At the end of this experience, Sr. Anna Luisa was assigned to our Ferrara book center. Afterward, she continued her "pilgrimage" to different communities of the Italian Province, where she carried out various apostolic activities: diffusion of films in the St. Paul Agencies in Rome, Naples and Terni, and book center work in Genoa, Arezzo and Catanzaro.... For some time, she willingly devoted herself to assisting our sick sisters in the communities of Galloro-Ariccia, Divine Providence (V. Antonino Pio, Rome), and Livorno. Following this, she worked for over 20 years in the sewing room of the Queen of Apostles community (Via A. Pio, Rome), where she established cordial relations with the young women who made their postulancies and novitiates in that community.

In 2016, Sr. Anna Luisa was transferred to our Albano community due to the onset of senile dementia, which worsened after a series of brain strokes. The transfer caused her deep suffering but she bore it quietly, entrusting herself to the sisters and nurses, who took care of her with great love until the time came for her to place herself definitively in the hands of the Father so that the "offer, give and consecrate" she had pronounced on the day of her profession could be brought to completion.

On that long-ago day, the Founder had said emphatically: "What a joy and a blessing it is to belong entirely to God! To be his possession! You will receive the hundredfold and eternal life!" Today, for Sr. Anna Luisa, that promise has become a splendid and consoling reality.

Affectionately,


Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan

Rome, 23 May 2020