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Dearest Sisters,

Today, the Feast of the Holy Trinity, our Triune God introduced one of our sisters rather suddenly into the mystery of his love and the ocean of his peace:

COLOSIO SR. CORNELIA
born in Brescia, Italy on 21 February 1941.

Sr. Cornelia passed away at about 7:00 this morning in St. Eugenio Hospital, Rome, after having been hospitalized overnight because of a heart attack, a consequence of the serious form of myeloma (cancer of the bone marrow) that had emerged last year. Although gravely ill, she was still very much present up until just a few days ago in the group of sisters in the infirmary wing of our Divine Providence community (V. Antonino Pio), whose members were all deeply moved by her serenity, fidelity to communal prayer and joyful welcome of all the people who came to visit her.

Sr. Cornelia was a sister who gave the Congregation the gifts of her intelligence and ardent love for the Pauline charism, expressed in particular through her efforts to make the most of all the languages and forms of communication so that the Word of God could race ahead and reach the ends of the earth.

She entered the Congregation in Rome on 17 April 1964 and after a time of formation and apostolic experience in Verona, she made her novitiate, which concluded with her first profession on 30 June 1967. As a young professed, she was assigned to the St. Paul Film Study Center in Rome, staffed by a group of professionally qualified FSPs who worked to raise the cultural and pastoral levels of the cinema apostolate in keeping with post-conciliar needs. After her perpetual profession in 1974, Sr. Cornelia continued this apostolic service, especially by writing film reviews, setting up a film library, and teaching various courses on communication. During those years, she also had the chance to round out her cultural training by attending specialized courses in cinematography at the Catholic University in Milan and obtaining a Master's Degree in that field.

Afterward, in Toronto, Canada, Sr. Cornelia had the joy of living a very enriching community and apostolic experience, which remained etched in her heart. When she returned to Italy, other challenges awaited her that brought out the wealth of her humanity and versatility. She was asked to serve as superior of the lively and creative community of Palermo, after which she dedicated herself to the press office of our FSP publishing center in Milan. In 1991, she was appointed the Italian Province's councilor for information and the apostolate, and then the coordinator of audiovisual productions and the electronic publishing sector at a time when new media technologies were opening up unforeseen horizons for the Pauline mission.

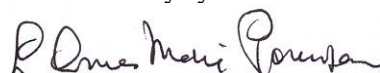
In 2001, Sr. Cornelia was appointed superior of our Divine Providence community in V. Antonino Pio, Rome. When her mandate ended, she was sent for a short time to Bogota, Colombia, where she collaborated enthusiastically on a video project at the communications center in that city. She affirmed that this exciting and valuable experience helped to broaden her apostolic horizons.

In 2005, she was transferred to the Generalate community, where she worked in the International Secretariat for the Apostolate for three years. Following this, she was inserted into the Queen of Apostles community (part of the V. Antonino Pio complex), where she was placed in charge of the Italian province's Human Resources Department and the coordination of its lay personnel.

She also spent a brief but fruitful time in the FSP book center of Brescia, before being asked to serve as superior of our Palermo community once again. It was during this period in Palermo that the first signs of the myeloma that was invading her body began to appear. With courage and hope, she underwent the various treatments prescribed and at the end of her mandate she returned to the Divine Providence community in Rome—the community that had welcomed her as a formandee many years earlier and in which she had cultivated many ardent and prophetic dreams.

Today, Sr. Cornelia, like St. Paul, finished her "race" to heaven. May the embrace of the Blessed Trinity welcome her into the profound communion of life for which she had always yearned.

Affectionately,


Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan

Rome, 7 June 2020