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Dearest Sisters,

At 6:40 a.m. today, Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord, one of our sisters resident in the INI assisted-care home in Grottaferrata (Rome), Italy, entered into eternal light:

EVANGELISTA SR. ANGELA
born in Portici (Naples), Italy on 5 May 1946.

Sr. Angela had been in the INI nursing home for over a month after undergoing back surgery that gave rise to various complications. She herself had wanted the operation in an attempt to recover from spinal stenosis and become self-sufficient from the consequences of Parkinson's disease, which had struck her about 10 years ago. She was first admitted to the neurosurgery ward, then transferred to the rehabilitation ward and, in the last few days, to the medical ward. Unfortunately, her body, already very debilitated, was not able to overcome the serious infections that assailed her in recent days.

Sr. Angela entered the Congregation in the house of Rome on 23 June 1968, after having obtained a technical-professional diploma while still at home. She lived the period of her initial formation serenely, enriching the large community and its sub-groups with her keen intelligence, her cordial though somewhat reserved personality, and her sincere search for God's plan for her life.

On 29 June 1972, she made her first profession together with a large group of sisters in the church dedicated to the Divine Master in Alba. Immediately afterward, she left for Salerno to carry out itinerant diffusion in the schools, institutes and businesses of that region. Following this, she joined the group of Junior professed sisters in Bari to complete her theological formation. After a time of apostolic experience in Catanzaro, she was sent to Rome to prepare for her perpetual profession, fully aware that only with grace could she bring to completion the work that the Lord had begun in her.


After her perpetual profession, she was assigned to the Duomo community of Naples, where she learned the book center apostolate, which would become her great love. Potenza, Viterbo, Palermo, Udine, Lecce, Cagliari, and once again Palermo and Naples, were the cities and dioceses that witnessed her apostolic fervor and her desire to live the Pauline mission in an always more competent and better-qualified way. Among all these assignments, we especially remember her service in our apostolic center of Palermo, to which she dedicated more than 15 years of her Pauline life. She considered her work behind the service counter in this big, beautiful book center to truly be her pulpit of evangelization. From there, she welcomed people with her gentle smile, expressing in the simplicity of her life the wealth of love she carried in her heart. Sr. Angela was a person always in search of the best, always ready to question herself in the light of God about the events unfolding in her own life and in history.

In 2001-2002, she had the grace to participate in the year of formation on the charism of the Pauline Family—an experience of internationality and deeper study of the charism, which she found truly unforgettable.

While in Palermo, in the midst of an intensive apostolic schedule and at a still relatively young age, Sr. Angela was diagnosed as suffering from Parkinson's disease. She accepted this unforeseen passage of God with great faith, struggling with all her strength to continue to be self-sufficient, refusing to surrender to a malady that was progressing day by day and slowly robbing her of the ability to move.

And today, in the climate of the Transfiguration, the Divine Master called her aside, touched her, enveloped her in his light, invited her to get to her feet, to not be afraid, and introduced her into his heavenly abode so that she too could be transfigured and contemplate his glory forever.

Affectionately,


Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan

Rome, 6 August 2020