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Dearest Sisters,

On this Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, and on the anniversary of her first profession, in the community of “Cidade Regina” (São Paulo, Brazil), at 6:40 this morning, one of our sisters was called to celebrate her definitive spousal covenant with her Lord:

HOSS sr SIDIANA MARIA
born in São Carlos (Santa Catarina, Brazil) April 26, 1974

With enthusiasm and a desire to answer God’s call, she entered the congregation in the house of Belo Horizonte (Brazil) on February 11, 1993. From her beautiful German family, she had inherited a great spirit of responsibility and hard work, together with a deep Christian life authentically lived. She lived her first years of formation in Belo Horizonte and in Recife, and was transferred to “Cidade Regina” (São Paulo) for her novitiate, which concluded with her first profession on September 27, 1998, exactly twenty-two years ago. She spent her juniorate in the house of Fortaleza, where she had the possibility of experiencing the beauty of the Pauline mission, of deepening her faith, and of perfecting her cultural education, especially through specialized studies in economics and business.

Then in Rome, together with a large group of sisters from various continents, she spent the period of preparation for perpetual profession, which she made in Cunhatai, SC, at her family’s parish on February 26, 2006. That period was for her a true moment of grace, in which she received the gift of *discovering in Jesus the pearl of great price*, and she sensed the need to give everything to possess it. Upon returning to Brazil, she lived a very significant experience as manager of the book center in Vitoria and, in 2008, she was asked to begin working in the province’s financial sector and in the coordination of its administrative offices.

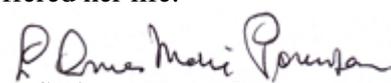
Considering her vocational maturity, her openness to “the new”, and her desire to carry out the mission in an always better way, she was appointed provincial councilor for the area of the apostolate and finances in 2014. She was reappointed to this task in 2017. From that vantage point, she lived firsthand the economic crisis of the country and the province. She was able to make a significant contribution to setting up an information system to manage the financial aspect of the book centers and help with the many changes that the province of Brazil needed to make. On the occasion of her second appointment as councilor, she shared with the superior general her real difficulty in accepting the new mandate, but also the faith that moved her, “Saying ‘yes’ means recognizing my insufficiency in everything, in life and the mission, in study and prayer, and it means renewing my trust in the Lord who gives the grace when we put ourselves in his hands.”

In the first months of 2018, she heard a new call that came to her through a breast tumor, which had already metastasized to her liver. With her usual strength and generosity, she accepted this new visit from the Lord. She continued to fight for her life, facing with courage the painful rounds of chemotherapy and radiation, without neglecting her duties in the provincial government and serving her sisters, especially in the areas that to which she was assigned. True to herself, reserved and stubborn, she kept giving of herself, wanting to live until the end the great challenges of the Pauline vocation and, above all, entrusting herself more and more to that Love to which, in her younger years, she had offered her whole existence.

She spent her last days in the community of “Cidade Regina,” surrounded by the affection of the sisters and her family, who just some weeks ago, were able to enjoy her company during a few days of reprieve in her suffering. But by then she was ready for the final step: with a deep breath and her outstretched arms, she signaled this morning the moment of “obedience until death,” her final abandonment into the arms of the Father.

Purified of every evil, Sr. Sidiana will now be very close to her dearest parents and brothers and to all the sisters of the province of Brazil, for whom day after day, she offered her life.

Rome, September 27, 2020.


Sr Anna Maria Parenzan