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Dear Sisters

This morning, *on the day after the Sabbath* and therefore on the day of the Resurrection, at 4 a.m., in the "Regina Apostolorum" Hospital in Albano, the Divine Master gently took by the hand our sister

**SOTGIU FRANCESCA sr MARIA ANGELA
born in Nuchis (Sassari) on 19 December 1933.**

She entered the congregation in the house of Sassari, on 1 May 1955. She spent her time of formation and novitiate in Rome, which ended with her first profession on 30 June 1959. From then on, her superiors had described her as a sister who was "capable and good in every respect, responsible, docile, a lover of the Pauline charism;," "a promising sister in terms of religious observance and works of the apostolate". Indeed over the years, these fine attitudes developed, making her a fervent Pauline, full of love and missionary zeal.

As a young professed she was involved in itinerant diffusion in Massa, especially in the summer camps in Viareggio, Massa, Pietrasanta and Forte dei Marmi, and in many Gospel days and book displays in the parishes.

Immediately after her perpetual profession on 30 June 1964, in Rome, she left for Korea as a missionary, together with Sr. Bernarda Concilio. The chronicles of that time tell how the two Pauline sisters, the only women passengers aboard the merchant ship, travelled for 52 days keeping to a very precise and moving spiritual timetable. Their only desire was to proclaim the Gospel, to become all things to all people, to be like Paul, servants to all, in order to give the priceless treasure of the Gospel that they had freely received.

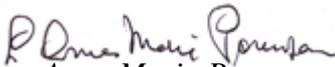
Sr. Angela immediately dedicated herself to spreading the Word at the doors of churches, in families and in the offices of the diocese of Seoul; she engaged herself in small jobs in dressmaking and in studying the Korean language. However, after four years of missionary experience, she had to return to Italy for health reasons. In Verona, she had the opportunity for a time of updating and study and then spent time in the communities of Trento, Ravenna, Novara, Aosta, Alessandria and Grosseto, where she continued to dedicate herself in the various book centers with her characteristic smile, kindness and goodness. From 2000 to 2007 she dedicated herself with her usual care to the small book centre in Albano while living in the 'Giacomo Alberione' community. She then was transferred to Salerno and Livorno.

In 2010, she had the great joy of participating in a month of spiritual exercises according to Alberione's proposal of *Donec Formetur*. She had an ardent desire to live profoundly the Pauline spirituality and was seriously committed to her spiritual journey in loving fidelity to the gift she had received.

In 2013, due to her slowly deteriorating physical condition, she was advised to join the Tecla Merlo community in Albano. She was suffering from some serious illnesses, including diabetes and tumour cells in her blood. In the last few years she was practically bedridden and, due to the advance of the disease, a few months ago she was transferred to the nearby Giacomo Alberione community. She could not speak or feed herself, partly due to having suffered a stroke.

In the last few days *Covid19* did not spare her. Three days ago she was admitted, together with other sisters, to the Regina Apostolorum Hospital in Albano, and as the Lord's Day dawned, her earthly life opened up to an extraordinary and wonderful encounter with the Lord.

Affectionately


sr Anna Maria Parenzan

Rome, 7 February 2021.