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Dear Sisters

Yesterday evening at 5:30 p. m. (local time), on the commemoration of Maestra Thecla's entry into paradise, at the Syrian-Lebanese Hospital in Buenos Aires (Argentina), the *Good Shepherd* called to Himself our sister

VILLALBA ELDA ROSA Sr. ANGELA
born in Santa Fe (Argentina) on February 14, 1927

She entered the Congregation in the house of Buenos Aires on January 13, 1943, at the age of sixteen. She spent the time of her formation dedicating herself above all to diffusion of the Word to families in the dioceses of Buenos Aires and Rosario. She then entered the novitiate in the house of San Miguel and made her first profession in Buenos Aires on December 8, 1945.

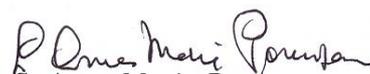
In Rosario, the heart of the Argentine Pampas, she spent the period of her temporary vows, working especially in the itinerant mission. After her perpetual profession, made in 1950, she was sent to Santa Fe, where "propaganda" and subscriptions to *Famiglia Cristiana* were being intensified. On February 11, 1954, she had the gift of opening, together with Sr Paulina Tibaldo, the house in Tucuman. An unforgettable event at the beginning of that community was the beautiful exhibition with modern paintings, set up in 1960 on the occasion of a solemn Gospel week in all the parishes of the city, organized for the anniversary of the bishop's priestly ordination. The biblical lectures, given by the Jesuit Fathers in the city's largest theatre, were attended by a great crowd. But Sr Angela was unable to enjoy the fruits of the conference because that year, she was transferred as superior to the community in Mendoza. At the end of her term of office, she returned to Buenos Aires to dedicate herself to the apostolate of the cinema, in the "San Pablo Film" Agency.

In 1964, she was called to fly to Chile – just as Maestra Thecla was dying on February 5th – to open the community of Antofagasta and became its first superior. In that city, situated between the desert north of Chile and the Pacific Ocean, she spent an unforgettable time that she always carried in her heart. Until the end of her life, her eyes lit up with joy when she heard about Antofagasta and the progress of the community there.

In 1972, for health reasons, she had to return to Argentina. She joined the community in Resistencia and contributed to the "San Pablo Film" agency. Three years later, she was back in Buenos Aires, in the house on Oro Street where she continued dedicating herself to various community services. But her mother's illness forced her to take an extended period of absence. In 1990, after living with her family for seven years, she returned to the community in Montevideo (Uruguay). Then, Buenos Aires, Nazca and Santa Fe, she devoted herself to caring for her sick sisters, community services and to the book center. In 2006, she had to ask for another period of absence to care for her ailing sister. When she returned to the community in Buenos Aires Nazca in 2011, her health also required particular attention. She was suffering from a serious case of diabetes, severe anaemia and broken ribs. But despite this, she was present above all in her service as sacristan and was happy when she was able to bring Jesus-Host to her sick sisters. She lived in a constant attitude of gratitude and her favorite word was "*gracias*" for every attention, every care, and every word of encouragement.

Last week, she had to be hospitalised because of pneumonia (not *Covid19-related*), and yesterday, despite prohibitions due to the pandemic, she had the grace to receive the anointing of the sick. *The God of peace* will surely lead Sr Angela also to the place of rest, to the pastures of eternal life, to the banquet of joy, intimacy and love.

Affectionately,


Sr Anna Maria Parenzan

Rome February 6, 2021.