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Dearest Sisters,

Yesterday, the 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time, at 4:30 p.m. (local time), in the community of Curitiba (Brazil), the Divine Master called to Himself our sister

**ZUCHETTO NILZA sr PRISCILA**  
**born in Jaguarì (Santa Maria RS - Brazil) on September 25, 1923**

She was a very special person who enriched her communities and the Pauline mission with joy, beauty and positivity. Everything in her was communication because her words flowed from a good heart, always smiling. She entered the Congregation on April 5, 1941, in Porto Alegre (Brazil). She made her first profession on January 25, 1945 after having spent the year of novitiate in the house of São Paulo DM. Last week she had just completed seventy-six years of Pauline consecrated life, a happy and enthusiastic life, totally given to the Lord and to the mission.

As a young professed sister, she devoted herself especially to itinerant diffusion in the state of São Paulo and to the book center in the community of Belo Horizonte, Turfa. After her perpetual profession, in 1950, she continued her work in the book center in São Paulo DM, Uruguayana, Curitiba. A cheerful person, she spread together with the Word of God, the contagious joy of being a communicator of the Gospel. She loved beauty even cultivated so as to bear witness with her whole being to the fascination of spreading the Word in every environment, in every family, in every community. She herself attested to having a *maternal heart*, capable of welcoming everyone without distinction. And the sisters confirm that Sr Priscila spoke the language of love.

From 1962 to 1972, she was involved in the apostolic programming center in São Paulo and then in community service in Pelotas. Then, for more than ten years, she carried out the technical apostolate in Porto Alegre and in the printing and bookbinding departments of Cidade Regina. As she grew older, she continued to dedicate herself in the communities of Porto Alegre and Curitiba. She spent the last twenty years in the latter house, transmitting to the end a deep sense of belonging, affection for Fr. Alberione and M Thecla, with the desire that many young people might experience the Pauline life that she had lived with such enthusiasm. She also knew how to laugh at herself... and her frail health, which caused her frequent hospitalizations, became almost a joke. From time to time, news would circulate that Sr Priscila was dying, but then she would pick herself back up with increasing vitality.

In Curitiba she worked in the "Alberione" sector making rosaries and other religious articles of popular piety, but it was a joy for her when she could devote herself to the switchboard and to welcoming visitors. It was an opportunity for her to share and to communicate with people.

She always sought to rekindle the "yes" of her profession. In 1975 she wrote to the Superior General: "...I wish to renew my 'yes' pronounced freely and consciously thirty years ago. These years have been full of many joys and sufferings, but more joys than sufferings. My little boat has not always sailed in calm waters; but after the storms, there has always been calm. I hope, with God's grace, to lead my boat to the safe Harbor: God. I know that I will still encounter storms, but I am certain that Christ will 'wake up,' as always, at the right time. My 'yes' is the same as the one I said thirty years ago (more mature, no doubt!). Since then, I have made my own the words of St Paul: "Who will be able to separate me from the love of Christ?" I continue the journey seeking to live in the maturity of faith, in the strength of prayer and in the perseverance of good intentions, sustained by the words of the Apostle Paul: 'I know in whom I have put my trust.'"

Sr. Priscila was struck by septicaemia in these last days, a consequence of pneumonia. At the end of a long life, we are certain that the Master is leading her to a safe place, into His merciful arms. And to her we commend vocations, so that other young people may follow her example and experience in the Pauline life the possibility of expressing a burning love in limitless self-giving.

Affectionately.

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sr Anna Maria Parenzan