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Dear Sisters,

We have received the news that at 5:49 p.m. (local time), in the infirmary of the community of Seoul Miari (Korea), our good Father called to Himself, to embrace in His merciful love, our sister:

DO MAL NAM Sr ROSARIA
born in Chojeon Gyeongbuk (Korea) on 18 July 1958

Sr Rosaria was a good, generous, simple, very responsible sister who enriched the communities of Korea with wisdom, kindness and a deep yearning for self-giving. Baptised at the age of twenty-four, she entered the Congregation in the house of Seoul Miari (Korea), on 4 April 1985, with a great desire to spread the Word of God and to make known the person of Jesus who had given new meaning to her entire life. After a period of formation, she spent her novitiate in Seoul, which she completed with her first profession on 31 May 1989.

She spent the juniorate years in Daejeon and Daegu, especially in charge of the book center. After a period of study to deepen her knowledge of the religious sciences, she continued her apostolic experience in the central book centre in Myeongdong (Seoul). For some time she devoted herself to biblical animation and then, after making her perpetual profession in Seoul on 30 May 1995, she continued her apostolic commitment in Daegu, Andong and Seoul where, for some years, she devoted herself with much love to the delicate service of the kitchen. She had a great desire to radiate communion and to contribute to the cheerfulness of the community's atmosphere; she also willingly made a gift of her physical strength given to her by the Lord.

In 2002, she was appointed superior of the community in Wonju. At the end of her term of office, she took on the task of group leader in Seoul Miari, while organizing the large library at the Ut Unum Sint Biblical Center. In order to carry out this service in a more professional manner, she attended the Library and Information department at Incheon College for two years, obtaining her diploma there. But she was still needed in Miari's kitchen and so, with great willingness, she continued to spend her strength, to the delight of her sisters, cooking food for over a hundred people every day.

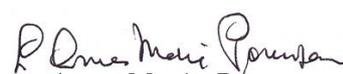
In 2011, she was appointed superior of the community in Incheon. She was a beloved superior and much appreciated for her hospitality, availability and concern to encourage a true journey of faith in the sisters. At the end of her term of office, she was diagnosed with a tumor in her liver, for which she underwent surgery with great confidence and motivation. For her it was a time of grace, of gratitude for the gift of life, of certainty that the Lord's hand would protect and guide her even when the road became dark.

After that painful interlude, she resumed the reordering of the Library of the Ut Unum Sint Center and in 2017, and was able to be re-appointed superior of the Jeonju house. But in August 2018, the cancer returned, forcing her to undergo new rounds of radiotherapy and chemotherapy. She lived this last year in silence and peace, alternating between hospitalization and hope, in a continuous and conscious offering of her suffering for the needs of the province, the Congregation and the Church. Constantly accompanied by a nurse and a doctor from the *hospice*, she tried to bear the pain with patience, always concerned not to be a burden to the community.

As we thank Sr Rosaria for her beautiful witness of Pauline life, we entrust her to God's faithfulness and place her in his loving and tender hands: hands that always make hope flourish and work wonders of grace in our littleness.

Affectionately,

Roma, 5 marzo 2021.


sr Anna Maria Parenzan