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Dearest Sisters,

On this Friday of Lent, at 7.45 p.m., (local time) in the Giacomo Alberione community of Albano, the merciful and compassionate Lord called to himself another sister:

Sr AMALIA PEZZI
born in Gottolengo (Brescia), Italy on 15 June 1924

Sr Amalia entered the Congregation in the house of Alba, on 7 December 1949. After a brief period of formation and apostolic experience in Turin, she made her novitiate in Rome, which concluded with her first profession on 19 March 1952. It was the very year in which the Pauline Family was urged on by the memorable meditations of the Founder, delivered in the crypt of the Queen of Apostles Sanctuary, to live a *spirit of renewal*, to progress in the apostolate and in holiness, to “bring God to souls and souls to God...”. Sr Amalia assimilated these teachings and during the time of her temporary profession, she dedicated herself with enthusiasm and fervor to propaganda in the diocese of Turin and in the Alpine valleys. After her perpetual profession in Rome on 19 March 1957, she continued to spread the Word of God in Naples and in Rome, organizing book exhibits, Gospel and Bible days and weeks.

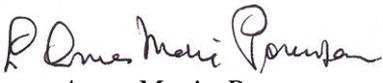
In 1961 in Genoa, she began her mission in the book center that she carried out for many years. She was knowledgeable, attentive to the needs of the people, committed to studying and deepening the content [of books], always eager to progress in her mission. Genoa, Ravenna, Rimini, Rome Castro and Mantua were the apostolic centers that witnessed her missionary fervor, her interest in the progress of the Church and of society, and her commitment to continuous updating.

Ferrara and Lodi were the communities in which she carried out her service as superior with a sense of responsibility and love. But we cannot forget the community of Verona, where Sr Amalia lived for twelve consecutive years, from 2005 to 2017, and where she “left her heart”. By this time quite up in years, she felt well and at ease in Verona. She participated with interest in the meetings, prayers and recreation and never tired of “wandering” with her mind and heart around the whole world. When she was no longer able to walk, she enjoyed going to the switchboard in her wheelchair because it gave her the impression of being more “alive”, of establishing a closer relationship with the “life” that vibrated beyond those walls. She never tired of reading, keeping up-to-date, remaining open to all the Church movements and in particular, to the Neocatechumenal Way in which she felt very much involved, also because her nephew, Fr Mario Pezzi, is still a member of the leadership team.

In 2017, with suffering but also with faith, she accepted the invitation of the provincial superior to become part of the Giacomo Alberione community in Albano, where she could receive care for her illness, especially for severe chronic renal insufficiency and *Alzheimer's* disease. She lived her last years with the dignity, the energy and the resolute spirit that had always characterised her.

In early February, she exposed to the *Covid-19* virus along with many other sisters. She was admitted to the Queen of Apostles Hospital in Albano and was discharged, still positive to the virus, only a few days ago. The various illnesses from which she was suffering, aggravated by the virus, soon led her to the long awaited encounter, in the splendid light of the Father's dwelling place, to receive new life in love and in full communion.

Affectionately,


sr Anna Maria Parenzan

Roma, 5 March 2021.