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Dearest Sisters

It is with deep emotion that we inform you that shortly after 2 p.m. (local time), at the Castelli Hospital (Ariccia), the Risen Christ called one of our sisters to share in his glory forever:

**Sr. GIUSEPPINA BIANCO**  
**born in Resina (Naples), Italy on 24 May 1937**

Sr. Giuseppina was a good sister, generous, very responsible, who gave her whole life to the community of Albano, for more than sixty years, in simplicity and joy.

She entered the Congregation in Rome on 12 October 1956. After a time of formation and apostolic experience in Taranto, she was ready to enter the novitiate. However, in that very important year, suffering soon came knocking at her door: she was diagnosed with tuberculosis and therefore had to repeat her novitiate and postpone her profession. On the feast of the Apostle Paul in 1962, she finally had the joy of making her first profession in Rome. With profound gratitude, she expressed the desire to be radical in the surrender of her entire self to the Lord. She wrote to the Superior General: "I humbly place myself in your hands, dispose of me as you wish. I will not fail to thank the Lord always for having called me to this Congregation. With your help, I will be able to make progress and improve. I have many faults, little education and very poor health, but I have faith that the Lord will not abandon me if I put good will into everything I do – the little things and the little duties. I shall strive to be ever more docile and fervent."

In these expressions, we find the whole of Sr. Giuseppina's life, always concerned to give herself to the Lord through the Congregation, always eager to offer every little thing, all that she had. Sr. Giuseppina loved meekness and humility, the simple things in life, and among us, she was a sign of the goodness and providence of the Heavenly Father.

She lived in Albano since her first profession. Here she obtained her diploma as a general nurse, which enabled her to work for a number of years in various hospital services and especially in community services. The sisters remember her attentiveness to the sacristy, especially in cleaning the linen and altar cloths. They remember her willingness to help in the refectory and in the sewing room as seamstress, and her concern to respond with a smile to the requests of each person, in a humble, serene, and quiet manner.

No words of blame or criticism ever came from Sr. Giuseppina's lips. She was truly a gentle sister, capable of always seeking the essential, eager not to hurt anyone but always communicating sweetness, serenity and love for the little things.

With the outbreak of *Covid-19* in the community of Albano, Sr. Giuseppina was one of the first sisters to be touched by the virus. Because of her low oxygen levels, she was admitted a few days ago to the Castelli Hospital in Ariccia. However, her body was unable to overcome the power of the virus and this afternoon she had to surrender. The Lord, in his infinite goodness, called her *to be born again, to be reborn from above*, to overcome every fear, to abandon herself totally in the hands of Father, hands of tenderness which work wonders of grace in the little ones and in the poor.

In this week in which we prepare to celebrate the Good Shepherd, it is beautiful to imagine Sr. Giuseppina being led "to the streams of the waters of life" where she has certainly found a multitude of members of the admirable Pauline Family of heaven which she loved so much and for which she offered every moment of her existence.

Affectionately,

  
sr Anna Maria Parenzan

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