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Dear Sisters

We received the news that at 8:18 a.m. (local time) in the Mother Thecla Home in Pasay City (Philippines), the Risen Christ called to himself to wrap in his merciful love our sister:

PAGUIO Sr MADELEINE

born in San Nicolas Iriga (Camarines Sur, Philippines) on 9 May 1951

About three years ago, Sr Madeleine was diagnosed with stage 4 invasive cancer. She chose not to undergo chemotherapy but only hormone treatment. In her last years, she lived in the silence that characterized her life, continuing to give herself with responsibility and serenity in the tasks that obedience entrusted to her. She loved music very much and was accompanied to her eternal home with the saints by the melodious songs of the sisters.

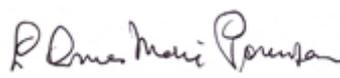
Sr. Madeleine entered the Congregation in the Queen of Apostles community in Pasay City on 3 November 1967, after graduating from high school while still with her family. She spent her novitiate in Lipa and made her first profession on 25 January 1974. During her juniorate she was engaged in study and in propaganda in the dioceses of Cebu and Manila. On the occasion of her admission to perpetual profession, she confided: "I have experienced difficulties in the apostolate and in community life that have opened my eyes to the reality of what my life-long commitment means. I have decided to dedicate myself to Christ for all my life because I feel that I am called to this. I know there will be consequences to my decision, but I put all my trust in the Lord. I know that he is always faithful to those he has chosen to be his. I hope and trust in God's guidance as I live my religious life. May he grant me the grace to be more faithful and more generous in his service."

After her perpetual profession on 21 January 1979, she continued to dedicate herself to propaganda and served as a driver in the communities of Naga, Davao, Lipa, Pasay, and in the provincial house. In 1988 she was appointed superior of the provincial house and in 1993, after a period of further studies, she was sent as a missionary to Malaysia, to Kota Kinabalu, dedicating herself to propaganda. On her return, she was appointed superior of the communities of Tuguegarao and Legaspi. She did not see herself as a *leader*, preferring to work with the sisters, to offer her assistance with precision, humility and responsibility. She was recognized as a reliable, diligent and persevering sister. Her love for the community helped her to perform miracles and to accomplish whatever work was entrusted to her.

From 2000 to 2003, Sr Madeleine served as a missionary in Papua New Guinea, in Port Moresby, supporting the small community there and focusing on the apostolic center. On her return to the Philippines, she was assigned to the book centers of Naga, Davao, and Legaspi. After several years spent in the provincial bursar's office and in the administration of the province, in 2015 she was appointed superior of the small community of Legaspi, located in the shadow of the Mayon volcano. The sisters remember her as a caring person, a welcoming presence especially towards the Pauline Cooperators, someone who was capable of delegating responsibilities and creating a serene environment of communion between the different generations.

In 2018, she returned to Pasay City, assigned to the provincial administration center, and later had the opportunity for a brief stay in Tacloban. Until almost the end, Sr Madeleine continued to give of herself with simplicity, a spirit of service and humility. Following in the example of St Joseph and the "next door saints", this dear sister also *gave and generated life through the events of each day*, leaving us a shining example of a faithful Pauline, an apostle totally fulfilled in love.

Affectionately,


sr Anna Maria Parenzan

Rome, 15 April 2021