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Dearest Sisters,

Another sister of the community of Albano has succumbed to *Covid19*. At about 11 am, in the Regina Apostolorum Hospital, the Good Shepherd introduced our sister into eternal life:

**PASTORINO QUINTA sr NICOLINA**  
**born in Olevano sul Tusciano (Salerno), Italy on 30th December 1932.**

She entered the Congregation in Rome, on 27 December 1950. After a period of formation and apostolic experience in Ascoli Piceno, she made her novitiate in Rome, which concluded with her first profession on 19 March 1953. As a young professed, she was assigned to the San Paolo Film agency in Messina and after her perpetual profession, she revealed her talents as a true animator in the Ancona agency.

In 1966, realizing her apostolic aptitude, she was asked to open the agency in Düsseldorf (Germany), at the service of Italian immigrants. It was an unforgettable experience for her, which she recounted in detail. She wrote:

“When I was asked to go to Düsseldorf to take charge of the agency, Don Cordero and Sr Onorina Mussi reassured me with these words: ‘Go willingly, because it is God's will. Know that whatever happens to you, the Lord is with you and we are here to help you.’ So, with no knowledge of the German language, with my baggage of limitations, fears and uncertainties, but with great faith in obedience, I left for Düsseldorf at the beginning of July 1966. Reality presented itself in all its harshness. Outside the house, one could not understand a word, only German was spoken. Without becoming discouraged, I gathered all my good will and trust in God and set about doing what was possible. At that time in Italy, the agencies in Messina and Livorno had been closed. Many films were sent to Germany. Taking advantage of providential opportunities, we loaded ourselves with parcels of films, with the risk of being blocked at customs. But the Lord was with us and we were able to get the films on a fairly regular basis. We started out in poverty, as was the style of the Founder. First of all I undertook to check all the films at the *passafilm* [desk for verifying films] since they were already used copies and sometimes in poor condition. I then sent all the missionaries working in Germany a list of available films and invited them to have an initial look at the catalogue of films circulating in Italy. Within a year, we were able to reach from Düsseldorf to all points of the country, including West Berlin. In the meantime, I had the opportunity to learn the German language. I was also looking for a way to start with *Super8*, which was becoming increasingly more popular among German families, but I was unable to carry out the project because, in 1971, I went back to Italy to recover my health and ended up staying there permanently.”

When she returned to Italy, Sr Nicolina helped in the various San Paolo Film agencies in Rome, Turin, Palermo and Brescia. For four years, she worked in the community of Lugano (Switzerland), where she made a valuable contribution to the book center and the diocesan offices. In 1977 she was appointed superior of the community of Piacenza and then returned to the film apostolate in the agencies of Rome-Castro, Trento and Napoli.

From 1988 she was assigned to the community of Albano, where she lovingly worked with competence in the administrative offices and also served as delegation councillor and group leader. The sisters remember her diligence and precision in typing up, late into the night, medical reports from various departments, especially radiology and pathology. Her confidentiality and kindness, her availability in various community services, were recognized and appreciated by all.

In 2008, signs of *Alzheimer's* disease began to appear. Before long, Sr Nicolina had to retire to the San Raffaele wing to receive necessary treatment. She spent the last ten years in a progressive deterioration: she had lost her sight and could not speak, but was very sensitive to touch and enjoyed the caresses and closeness of her sisters and nursing staff.

She had been in the *Covid* wing of the Regina Apostolorum Hospital for about a week. She seemed to be improving and the doctors were hopeful. But suddenly the Lord called her to himself, to hold her in his Fatherly embrace and give her life and joy to the full.

Affectionately,

  
sr Anna Maria Parenzan

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