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Dearest Sisters,

We received the news that last night, the Feast of Our Lady of Coromoto, Patroness of Venezuela, at the Antonio Maria Pineda University Central Hospital of Barquisimeto, Venezuela, one of our sisters who was a patient there was taken home to heaven to contemplate the face of our Divine Master for all eternity:

DIAZ SR. OMAIRA
born in San Rafael de Mocuchies (Merida), Venezuela, on 15 October 1945.

Sr. Omaira entered the Congregation at the age of fifteen in the Bella Vista house of Caracas, where the first sisters had moved to be able to welcome the numerous vocations that at that time were flocking to the circumscription as a result of the sisters' intense and fruitful itinerant diffusion in the different parts of the country.

After her initial formation, Omaira was sent to Bogota, Colombia in 1967 to make her novitiate, which concluded with her first profession on 8 December 1968. From the beginning, Sr. Omaira distinguished herself for her goodness, simplicity, upright character, attention to others, great sense of responsibility, and her desire to be an instrument of communion among the sisters.

Upon returning to Venezuela, she enthusiastically dedicated herself to spreading the Gospel in Barquisimeto and Caracas. After her perpetual profession in 1975, she was transferred to Lima, Peru, to work in our large and busy book center, while also serving as Delegation councilor. Sr. Omaira's entire Pauline life was characterized by her work in the formation apostolate, her various governing services, her commitment to the pastoral care of vocations and her love for the Pauline. In fact, she was entrusted with the formation of the circumscription's aspirants in the community of Barquisimeto and with the offices of local superior and Delegation councilor for several mandates. From 1993 to 1996, while stationed in Valencia (a house that was later closed), she also accompanied the sisters of the circumscription as Vice-delegation superior.

Sr. Omaira's love for her Pauline vocation, her concern for each person, her apostolic enthusiasm and her life focused on essentials made her a much-loved superior in the communities of Caracas and Puerto Ordaz, where she also served as book center director. Under her competent supervision, these centers were always well organized, beautiful and welcoming, filled with texts that promoted Christian life and culture.

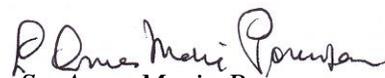
Sr. Omaira's frail health did not prevent her from participating in various international meetings and, in 2010, in the Pauline Family's month-long course of spiritual exercises according to the spiritual-apostolic proposal of "Donec Formetur." She rejoiced in the wealth and vitality of the Pauline charism and was seriously committed to a journey of conformation to Jesus Christ, our Lord and Master.

Last year Sr. Omaira underwent colon surgery to remove an intestinal blockage and a few days ago she was hospitalized to undergo follow-up surgery to complete the intervention but complications unexpectedly emerged, leading to her meeting with the Lord.

While we thank our dear sister for having spread so much love and kindness among us, we entrust her to the merciful embrace of God the Father, asking him to clothe her with the radiant garments of salvation and lead her into his eternal wedding feast. With her, we repeat the words of a Spanish song she loved so much: "In your hands, Lord, I place my life.... In your hands, Lord, I trust in you."

Affectionately,

Rome, 12 September 2021


Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan