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Dearest Sisters,

We received the news that at 2:13 p.m. today (local time), the Divine Master visited the “Mother Thecla Merlo Home” of our Pasay City community, Philippines, to call to the eternal contemplation of his face, our sister:

LORESTO TERESITA – SR. MARIA AUSILIA
born in Anini-y (Antique), Philippines, on 15 January 1937.

Sr. M. Ausilia entered the Congregation in the community of Pasay City, Philippines, on 7 December 1958 and made her novitiate in Lipa, concluding it with her first profession on 8 December 1963. After her Juniorate in Pasay City, she returned to Lipa to devote herself to the itinerant apostolate and obtain a license in the literary field.

An experienced driver, Sr. M. Ausilia was able to utilize this skill in the various communities in which she lived, above all in the huge metropolis of Manila where, especially after her perpetual profession in 1968, she dedicated herself to spreading the Gospel to families and businesses. She was working in our Naga book center when, in 1978, she was appointed superior of the Tacloban community. Following this, she carried out the same service in Zamboanga and then for a second term in Tacloban. Sr. M. Ausilia was a caring, generous, understanding and cordial person, who was attentive to the needs of the sisters and also to the members of her family, especially her 7 brothers and sisters.

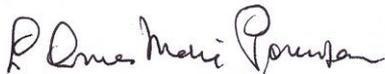
The missions that characterized her Pauline life were primarily diffusion and the book center apostolate. In Olongapo and Cagayan de Oro, she traveled almost impenetrable roads with true apostolic dedication so as to reach parishes, institutes and businesses and bring everyone she met the Good News of the Gospel. In Port Moresby (Papua New Guinea), Cebu, Bacolod and Davao, she was a valued member of the book center staff, eager to expand the Pauline charism to the laity.

Fully convinced of the efficacy of the cinema apostolate, Sr. M. Ausilia was always ready in the evenings to accompany other members of her community to parish halls and various institutes to show short films suitable for families and young people, thus bringing the formative messages of those films into a more recreational environment. In Iloilo, she was able to make the contribution of her literary expertise to the preparation of radio programs, and in the community of Pasay City she helped to assist the sick sisters for different, non-consecutive periods.

In 2009, Sr. M. Ausilia was appointed superior of the house in Tuguegarao, where she served as coordinator of the book center and also accompanied the Pauline Cooperators. In 2011, she was re-assigned to Pasay City, where she first worked in the book bindery and then in the administration offices of the province. Last August she was transferred to the Mother Thecla Merlo Home after experiencing a serious fall. But for several years prior to this, she had already been suffering from various ailments, in particular diabetes and a severe form of hypertension. To this was recently added liver cancer, which was the cause of her death.

Sr. M. Ausilia left this life serenely, after receiving the Anointing of the Sick. The sisters who knew and loved her remember her efforts to collaborate with the Holy Spirit in the work of her sanctification, and her profound trust in the mercy of God the Father, in whose hands she had placed her entire life. It is consoling to imagine that, in tune with the Word of God in today’s Liturgy, Jesus Master himself “passed by” and gave her a new capacity to see and follow him during the last stage of her journey to the Kingdom of Heaven.

Affectionately,


Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan

Rome, 15 November 2021