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Dearest Sisters,

Early yesterday morning, Good Friday, the Divine Master visited the infirmary of the Dominican Sisters of the Trinity in Trois Rivières (Quebec), Canada, to invite one of our sisters resident there to live the intimacy of the Easter Banquet with him:

**CATUDAL SR. LUCIENNE**  
**born in Granby (Quebec), Canada, on 3 July 1941.**

Sr. Lucienne was the ninth in a hearty and industrious Quebec family of eleven children, from whom she learned discretion, wisdom and the need to focus on essentials. She loved silence, but even as a young girl, she was eager to dedicate her whole life to the proclamation of the Gospel to everyone. For her, the Word of God was vital, inexhaustible and a source of great joy. In her letter requesting admission to perpetual profession, she revealed her deep yearning to blend prayer and activity, writing: “For me, the most important thing is prayer, which is the foundation of all else. I want to go to Jesus Master, Way, Truth and Life, with my entire being—mind, will and heart—in the school of the Gospel and of St. Paul... I feel like I am on a journey, and that although I may have made a little progress, there is still a lot to be done. I can only trust the Lord and ask him to keep me ever-prompt to seek his will in all things.”

We are sure that this desire accompanied her when she entered the Congregation in Montreal, Canada, on 15 September 1964. She made her initial formation and novitiate in that central house for French-speaking Canada, concluding this stage of her life with her first profession on 30 June 1964.

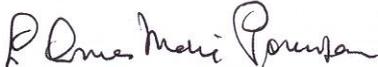
Afterward, she was assigned to the book center apostolate—a service that would characterize almost her whole Pauline life, which she spent in the communities of Montreal, Montreal Workman, St. Jérôme and, finally, Trois Rivières. She was stationed in the last-mentioned house in 2004 and remained there for the rest of her life. Sr. Lucienne was very much at ease in this small community and its adjacent apostolic center, which was a reference point for pastoral workers, priests, religious and lay professionals. She was happy to contribute to the expansion of the diffusion apostolate by restocking school libraries and by setting up book displays at meetings of priests and religious, and at other special events.

Sr. Lucienne was fully involved in the Pauline mission and experienced first-hand the need to balance prayer and action. In the letter cited above, written while she was still a Junior professed sister, she goes on to say: “I want to grow in love and apostolic boldness, make the most of my gifts and develop the capacity to take greater risks...” Her biblical and theological studies reinforced her yearning to make continual progress, and her passion for the Pauline mission enabled her overcome her innate shyness in carrying out the apostolate of evangelization. The sisters with whom she lived remember her as a person with great compassion and respect for others, one who always tried to see the positive side of situations.

Sr. Lucienne’s philosophical approach to people and events enabled her to embrace the ups and downs of life with peace and serenity. This was manifested very clearly in 2020 when she was diagnosed as suffering from cancer of the lymph nodes. The doctors doubted she would last much longer but in actual fact she lived for another two years, lovingly cared for in the infirmary of the Dominican Sisters of Trois Rivières, where she edified and enriched not only the sisters but also their entire staff with her wisdom of life.

In these holy days, as we place our dear sister in the hands of the Father of life, let us take comfort in the words of Bartholomew I, Patriarch of Constantinople, who said: “Today everything is silent. The battle is over. The Enemy is vanquished. Under the earth, in the depths of our souls, a spark of fire has been ignited. All is silent, but in that silence hope gleams. The last Adam extends his hand to the first Adam. The Mother of God wipes away the tears of Eve. Around the rock of the tomb, a garden blooms.”

Affectionately,

  
sr Anna Maria Parenzan

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Holy Saturday