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Dearest Sisters,

Half an hour after midnight on this Solemnity of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul, our good Father visited *Holy Family Hospital* in Bandra (Mumbai), India, to call to himself a fervent Pauline apostle:

**DOSS SR. VERONICA**  
**born in Egmore (Madras/Chennai), India on 30 March 1965.**

Sr. Veronica was a cheerful, sociable and humorous sister, always ready for a good joke. She was a generous person who made friends easily and was always prompt to encourage communion, solidarity and collaboration among the sisters. Her beautiful smile charmed everyone who met her, including the pastors of the various dioceses with which she collaborated.

She entered the Congregation in the community of Bangalore, India, on 22 June 1983 at the age of 18, after finishing college and obtaining a Liberal Arts degree. She made her novitiate in Mumbai, concluding it with her first profession on 25 January 1989. Afterward, she was sent to Calcutta and Secunderabad, where she brought the Word of God to schools, institutes and businesses. In Nagpur, she had the opportunity to deepen her cultural formation. She made her perpetual profession in Madras, her hometown, on 5 January 1994, and then continued her apostolic work in Secunderabad. Because of her management skills, she was soon entrusted with the office of bursar in the houses of Mumbai, Dimapur and Nagpur. In Trivandrum, instead, she worked in the book center.

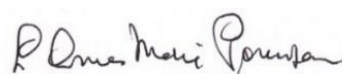
From 2002-2006, Sr. Veronica carried out catechetical and pastoral activities in the Catholic Enquiry Center in Bangalore, while in Guwahati (Assam State), she served as director of the archdiocese's publishing center. Following this, she spent two consecutive terms as superior of the Guwahati community, where she was a much-loved and exemplary superior, attentive to the needs of each sister.

At the end of her term of office, Sr. Veronica was transferred to Trichy, in the heart of Tamil Nadu, where she shared the difficult times of the community's beginnings. With great joy, she supervised the construction of the community's new house and worked hard to find a suitable location for its book center. By the time she left Trichy in 2018, the community had comfortable and welcoming living quarters and the book center was already popular not only with Catholics but also with Hindus, Muslims and members of other faiths. In Trichy, Sr. Veronica participated in the life of the local church especially by preparing adults for baptism and holding animation and formation meetings for young people.

In May 2020, while she was in Bangalore to collaborate with its Catholic Enquiry Center, she was diagnosed as suffering from cancer, for which she underwent surgery and eight cycles of chemotherapy. Sr. Veronica herself referred to that period of her life as one of darkness and suffering, but said that at the same time she was filled with great hope because on 5 February 2021 when, after much prayer on the part of all the members of the province, clinical examinations and even CT scans revealed that the parameters of her tumor were in the normal range and it seemed that the cancer had been eradicated. Sr. Veronica spent her convalescence in the community of Dahisar (Borivli), not far from Mumbai, in an atmosphere of deep thanksgiving. While there, she also helped out in the bookkeeping sector. But five days ago, she suddenly felt very unwell and was immediately admitted to *Holy Family Hospital* in Bandra, Mumbai. It was discovered that the cancer had unfortunately spread throughout her body and that her kidneys were no longer functioning. But even though she found it very hard to breathe, she continued to greet her doctors and visitors with her usual serene smile.

Up to the very end, Sr. Veronica tried to reassure the sisters that she was fine, saying that the only thing she wanted to do was sleep. And truly, after having *fought the good fight*, she fell sweetly asleep in the Lord on this day of great celebration for the whole Pauline Family. The time had come for her too to receive her eternal reward—the crown of righteousness prepared for the Lord's apostles of all times.

Affectionately,

  
sr Anna Maria Parenzan

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