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Dearest Sisters,

We received the news that at 10:50 p.m. last night, the Divine Master visited St. Isabel Hospital in São Paulo, Brazil, to lead to eternal life our sister:

GREGOLINI TERESINHA – SR. MARIA ALICE
born in Ribeirão Preto, Brazil, on 23 July 1930.

We remember her as a sister vibrant with enthusiasm and overflowing with Pauline ardor, eager to dedicate her whole life to the service of the Gospel. She wrote: “I am very happy to be a Pauline and to be one at this particular time in history.... Everything is so beautiful in my life and I am filled with a vigor that comes from God alone. I love our apostolate very much. I can’t wait to see God at the end of my life and belong solely to him!” She entered the Congregation in the house of São Paulo DM, on 10 March 1942, when she was only 12 years old. She made her novitiate in that community, concluding it with her first profession on 8 Dec. 1949. During her Juniorate, Sr. M. Alice worked in the shipping department, delighted to send our editions to every part of the country. After her perpetual profession, made in 1954, she had the joy of sharing the beauty of the Pauline vocation through the classes she taught to the young women in formation in Porto Alegre.

In 1961, she began a very long chapter of her life centered on book center work—a service that tinged her whole life with special color. The book center was the place of her intellectual growth, where she constantly sought to grasp and assimilate the various currents of thought in the texts she promoted, and it also allowed her to become an expert in the Word of God. Her activities gave her the chance to make continuous progress in the faith and to gradually explore the sphere of Pauline apostolic mysticism in keeping with the guidelines sketched out by the Founder. She wrote: “I want to continue my Pauline journey enthusiastically and dedicate my entire being to helping Jesus Master become known and loved more and more. The Pauline mission fills me with zeal and people are my passion. I hope I will always move ahead energetically, joyfully, lovingly and trustfully, doing everything only and always for Jesus alone....”

Sr M. Alice trained generations of FSPs in the Pauline apostolate and imparted her vitality to our largest and most beautiful book centers in Brazil: from Rio de Janeiro to Brasília, from Salvador to São Paulo Domingos de Morais, from Belo Horizonte to Belem, from Manaus to Curitiba. When she was transferred to Manaus, she thanked the Lord fervently for fulfilling her dream to serve as a Pauline missionary in the Amazon. While in Salvador, she wrote, “Our library is amazing! It is so busy! I firmly believe in the power of our vocation!” She felt called to dedicate her whole life to ensuring that the Pauline trademark would give life to multitudes of people. She had a wonderful ability to work fruitfully with her province’s numerous lay collaborators. She shared apostolic activities with them and considered them to be her extended family. Her dynamism infected them, and she devoted herself ardently to their formation, entrusting them with significant responsibilities.

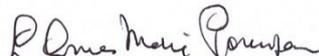
With an inner drive and creativity that made her truly unique, Sr M. Alice often served simultaneously as book center coordinator and community superior. In Brasília, Salvador, Belo Horizonte, Belem, Manaus and Curitiba, she was a great inspiration to everyone in the apostolate, as well as a superior capable of creating communion by encouraging and supporting each sister in a personalized way. In 2006, she went to Italy to participate in the month-long course of spiritual exercises founded on the Alberionian text, *Donec Formetur*. The enriching experience reinforced her love for the charism, which exuded from her entire being.

After accompanying the large Curitiba community as local superior from 2011-2014, Sr. M. Alice was looking forward to a new Pauline experience in Goiânia. But by then her strength was beginning to fail. With her usual serenity, she accepted illness and the onset of blindness from the hands of the Lord, happy to continue to be of service in many small ways in the Province’s central house in São Paulo and then, for the last 5 years of her life, in the Cidade Regina community.

The cross of chronic pulmonary fibrosis that she bore worsened in recent times, leading to recurring respiratory crises. Until the end, Sr. M. Alice offered herself to the Lord, transforming her life into prayer, self-offering and reparation so that the world might believe, so that the Word might race forward, and so that every human being might know the Father’s love.

Affectionately,

Rome, 3 June 2022


Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan