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Dearest Sisters,

The Lord has visited us again. At about 7 a.m. today (local time), one of the members of our Mexico Capri community passed from sleep to unending Light:

GONZÁLEZ MAYA – SR. JUANA ANTONIA
born in Villa de Reyes (San Luis Potosi), Mexico, on 10 March 1943.

From the time of her formation, Sr. Juana Antonia's superiors recognized her strong, mature and deep faith, inherited from her parents, as well as her cheerful, forthright, loyal and docile character, which enriched community life and made it more beautiful. The other sisters saw in her a serenity that reassured them and bolstered their confidence. Even in those early years, Sr. Juana would say with joy that she felt like "a sister among sisters."

She entered the Congregation in the house of Mexico Capri on 30 October 1965. She underwent her initial formation and also made her novitiate there, concluding this stage of her Pauline journey with her first profession on 29 June 1973. During her Juniorate, Sr. Juana worked in the technical apostolate and bookkeeping sector in Mexico Capri, and in capillary and collective diffusion in Puebla. She had a special ability for the technical apostolate and graphic design, which gave her the chance to utilize her creative and artistic talents.

After her perpetual profession on 29 June 1980, Sr. Juana continued the diffusion apostolate in some of the finest book centers of our Mexican Province: Tijuana, Leon, Puebla, Monterrey, Guadalajara.... But there is no Pauline book center in Mexico that cannot bear witness to her apostolic enthusiasm, concern for the spiritual growth of the people and attention to young people exploring the possibility of a vocation to the religious life. Certainly the most moving and vibrant period of her life was the time she spent in our apostolic center located in the shadow of the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the Mexican people and of the Americas.

Sr. Juana had a natural flair for order and administration gifts which she revealed especially in her judicious management of our book centers and as bursar of the communities of Ciudad Juarez and Leon.

In 1996, she participated in a year of spiritual and apostolic renewal in the Via dei Lucchesi community, Rome—an important time for her, she said, because it strengthened her deep attachment to the Pauline charism. That experience of universality and contact with the Congregation's origins remained forever in her heart as a precious gift of God to her.

In 2014, after a brief time in the community of Ciudad Juarez, Sr. Juana had the joy of returning to our busy Puebla book center to continue spreading the Word of God. In that community, she suffered a stroke on Good Friday, but by the grace of God she recovered well from this health crisis. She was transferred to Mexico Capri in order to receive the care she needed, and while there she continued to carry out different services, especially in the storeroom.

Last week, she was diagnosed as suffering from kidney failure, accompanied by hypertension. This morning, the nurse who entered her room to administer her usual medications found our sister already in the arms of her Lord, in the realm of the saints.

In these days, the central house of our Mexican Province has been busy welcoming FSPs from its various communities for a course of spiritual exercises—a very meaningful moment in which to bid farewell to dearest Sr. Juana, who dedicated herself to the Pauline mission day after day, in serenity and peace, rejoicing to be a Daughter of St. Paul.

Affectionately,


Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan

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