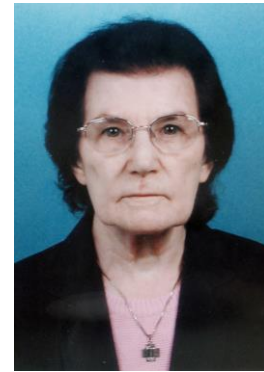


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Dearest Sisters,

We received the news that at 2:10 p.m. yesterday (local time), the Lord visited our Cidade Regina community of São Paulo, Brazil, to lead to the bridal banquet of heaven our sister:

PEGORER MARIA DE LOURDES – SR. CLAUDIA
born in Santa Cruz do Rio Pardo (Botucatu), Brazil, on 19 December 1931.

Sr. Claudia belonged to a big, beautiful family, on which God the Father turned the full force of his love, calling to himself three of its members, who enriched our Brazilian circumscription with their deep sense of belonging to the Institute, their truly evangelical wisdom, and their great love for the Pauline mission.

Sr. Claudia entered the Congregation in the São Paulo DM house on 4 January 1946 at the age of fourteen, following in the footsteps of her older sister, Sr. M. José, and preceding her younger sister, Sr. Angelina. Fired by a great desire to do good, she underwent her initial formation in the São Paulo DM community, where she continued her studies and also carried out capillary and collective diffusion of the Word of God. When her novitiate concluded on 25 January 1953, she made her first profession and then enthusiastically continued the mission of spreading the Word from the communities of São Paulo DM and Rio de Janeiro. In 1961 she was assigned to the technical apostolate, where she soon became a department head, and also an assistant formator of the young aspirants in the communities of Porto Alegre and São Paulo DM. For a few years, Sr. Claudia carried out the book center apostolate in Brasília, but she spent most of her life in the different FSP communities of São Paulo, especially that of Domingos de Morais, where she devoted all her energy to the production of records and audiovisuals.

Small in stature and frail in health, she was proud of having come safely through twenty operations. But Sr. Claudia's physical weakness was inversely proportionate to the wealth of her spiritual life. Her face was always lit by a friendly smile, and even in her times of greatest suffering she did not complain or ask for any special treatment. Instead, she was always concerned about the welfare of the other invalid sisters, especially those in greatest need of help. To these, she was especially attentive, trying in every way to alleviate their sufferings.

A quiet person, Sr. Claudia had a deep faith enriched by abundant prayer. She called no attention to herself, preferring anonymity. She was serene, discreet, respectful, welcoming, and a faithful friend to others. She had not received any specialized training and her academic studies covered just the basics, but she was rich in the wisdom that came from her contact with the Lord, from dwelling continually in his presence.

She loved the Pauline mission, rejoiced in its development, prayed for the sisters on the "front lines" and urged them to help the Word race forward to reach the poorest and most marginalized people.

Due to advancing age and illness, Sr. Claudia was transferred to the Cidade Regina community in 2014. Although the consequences of Alzheimer's disease were noticeable in her, she never lost her cheerful spirit and warm smile. She was a very positive presence in her community, spreading peace and serenity among the sisters, and willingly carrying out many small services for them compatible with her physical condition.

Sr. Claudia died as she had lived, quickly and quietly: the Lord called her to himself without notice, during a period of afternoon rest. We can imagine that she responded to him with her usual promptness and was immediately led to the joy of everlasting life in the bosom of the Trinity. The words of praise on the part of Jesus that the Liturgy offers us today in reference to God's "little ones" are indeed providential. With the Divine Master, we too praise the Father because, in his great benevolence, he was pleased to reveal in Sr. Claudia, his little child, the mysteries of the Kingdom of heaven.

Affectionately,

Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan

Rome, 13 July 2022