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Dearest Sisters,

At 10:00 p.m. yesterday, the Divine Master visited the infirmary of our Alba community, Italy, to lead to fullness of life our sister:

**BORMOLINI RITA – SR. M. NIVES**  
**born in Livigno (Sondrio), Italy, on 29 November 1942.**

From the splendid mountain heights of Alta Valtellina, her homeland, and from her hard-working family, Sr. Nives had inherited a straightforward, well-balanced, tenacious and reserved personality, and also a life focused on essentials. She entered the Congregation in the community of Alba 9 September 1963, at the age of twenty-one, enriching our religious family with her strong sense of belonging to the Institute and her burning desire to offer herself wholeheartedly to the Jesus she had learned to love.

After her initial formation and a time of apostolic experience in Brescia, she made her novitiate in Rome, concluding it with her first profession on 30 June 1967. The following year she was sent as a missionary to Korea. It was not an easy experience for her, due primarily to health issues. She returned to Italy to prepare for her perpetual profession in the community of Alba. After this important event, which took place on 24 June 1973, she never returned to her beloved Korea, but the “land of the morning calm” remained forever etched on her heart. During the time of preparation for her final vows, she wrote to the Superior General: “Even though my health is not very good at the moment, I thank God that I have had more time to think about and prepare myself for this upcoming milestone. I am fully convinced that I will be taking all my human weaknesses with me when I make this step, but I am equally convinced that Jesus Master will always help me and will keep me united to himself like a branch to its Vine.”

In 1973, Sr. Nives was asked to carry out the service of agent for our FSP Editions. Stationed in Turin, she began her mission by visiting the secular bookstores in northwest Italy. In 1980, the radius of her activities was extended to the Emilia Romagna region, and consequently she relocated to the Via Mondo community in Bologna, which had recently been opened. In that house, she served for two terms as local superior. An attentive and welcoming person, she competently unified the different apostolic activities that were based there. Sr. Nives was strongly attracted to the diffusion possibilities opened up through her work in our FSP Book Agencies and the periodicals apostolate, and she communicated her enthusiasm to both the sisters and the lay managers who helped them. The latter assimilated the Pauline apostolic spirit so deeply that she considered them to be “true collaborators for the sake of the Gospel.”

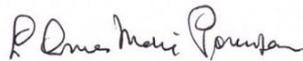
Over the years, precisely because of her attention to people, innate wisdom and tact, Sr. Nives was entrusted with various offices of responsibility. From 1991-1994, she served as provincial delegate; in the following three years, as superior of the Thecla Merlo community of Albano, and then, from 1997-2000, as provincial vicar and councilor for ongoing formation. She was a generous sister, always willing to lend her support to the succeeding provincial superiors.

In 2000, Sr. Nives was called to Alba to organize its health-care sector, but two years later she was again entrusted with the office of superior, this time of the James Alberione community of Albano, a service she carried out for two mandates. In 2008, she returned to Alba: first to accompany the sick sisters and then, from 2009 onward, as the person in charge of the reception desk. She dedicated herself to her work with her customary selflessness, without giving too much importance to the fact that she was suffering from a rare type of blood cancer known as “myelodysplastic syndrome.” Her physical situation worsened in the last few months of her life, following a fall that resulted in a broken collarbone.

Without complaint, she surrendered herself into the hands of the nurses and into those of her Lord, who we are sure invited her to rejoice because a great reward had been prepared for her in the kingdom of heaven.

Affectionately,

Rome, 29 January 2023

  
Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan