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Dearest Sisters,

The Lord visited our Divine Providence community, Rome, Italy, at 1:00 a.m. last night, the Feast of St. Benedict, the Patron of Europe and Father of Western monasticism, to call to himself an ardent Pauline apostle:

**CARLINI ANNA – SR. MARIA AMELIA**  
**born in Rimini, Italy, on 23 June 1933.**

Sr. Amelia's heart burned with the passion of St. Paul and we are sure that she will be remembered for her great love for our mission, for the way in which she *spent and overspent herself* in carrying it out, and for her ability to direct all her energy, plans, prayers, and dreams to the proclamation of the Gospel. She had one great desire: to enable the Word to race ahead and reach every category of people—children (whom she loved very much), young people, adults, the elderly.... This apostolic torment, which knew no boundaries, accompanied her up to the end of her life.

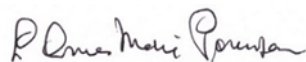
She entered the Congregation in the community of Rome on 14 June 1951. At the end of her aspirancy, she was sent to Avellino, where she lived a time of apostolic experience, spreading the Word of God. She then returned to Rome for her novitiate, which concluded on 19 March 1955, when she made her first vows. Even at that stage of the formation process, her formators clearly noted her generosity, industriousness, observance, kind and sociable character, and good will. She spent her Juniorate in Benevento and made her perpetual profession in Rome on 19 March 1960.

In 1962, Sr. Amelia was sent as a missionary to Australia. She spent ten very intense years carrying out the Pauline apostolate in that immense nation. The chronicles of the time record that soon after she arrived on this new continent, she was sent to Tasmania, a large island southeast of the state of Victoria. She and her companion, Sr. Imelda Venturini, visited the schools and families of the island with our publications. In 1965, she and several other FSPs traveled as far as Perth, on Australia's west coast, 2,000 miles from Sydney, the capital. They made the eight-day trip by sea, with one goal: to bring the Word of God to the "outback." Unfortunately, it was necessary for Sr. Amelia to return to Italy in 1972 due to health problems, but Australia remained in her heart and she always carried within her the joy and conviction of being a missionary "ad gentes."

In Italy, she was assigned to our Divine Providence community in Rome, where she lived from 1973 until her death. In those decades, she devoted herself to many different services: community driver and errand runner, book center activities and head of the shipping department, but her great love continued to be outreach, the so-called "propaganda apostolate," which she carried out with great love and enthusiasm. She never lost an opportunity to propose, organize and urge the sisters to go out to everyone. This yearning was so strong in her that it enabled her to devise new and creative ways to enter schools, fairs, markets, shrines....

It was a usual thing to run into her on Sundays in the vast and picturesque Porta Portese market with its many book stands, where she would be seated on a little chair next to her display table, or else at the Sanctuary of Divine Love, which she kept supplied with Pauline publications. Her energetic, strong-willed character kept her "on the move" and filled her mind and heart to the end of her days. She truly lived for a single goal: to make the Word of God known and loved by dedicating herself wholeheartedly to the mission of spreading the Gospel, thus enabling it to race ahead.

Tonight our good Father called Sr. Amelia to himself from the bedroom she had been occupying since her lung and heart conditions had become worrisome. At last, after having "fought the good fight" to spread the Gospel with her entire being, the moment had arrived for her to enter into the peace and rest of heaven, where she now contemplates the radiant Face of the One she had sought and proclaimed throughout her life. Affectionately,

  
Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan

Rome, 11 July 2023