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Dearest Sisters,

The Divine Master visited our James Alberione community, Albano, Italy, at around 2:30 a.m. last night, to lead to new life in the kingdom of heaven, our sister:

**CASOLARO FILOMENA–Sr. MARIA LETIZIA  
born in Naples Camaldoli (Naples), Italy, on 17 March 1937.**

We readily remember our sister's sunny face, open smile and industriousness, but also her tenacity and cheerfulness, typical of her Neapolitan character. We recall her love for the sisters to whom she dedicated her whole life, in particular through her service as cook—a work she carried out with apostolic sensitivity, competence, solicitude and great love.

She entered the Congregation in the house in Rome on 8 October 1958. In those years, countless initiatives were being launched by the FSPs and many young women were attracted to the dynamic Pauline apostolate. From the very beginning, Filomena was assigned to work in the large kitchen of our Divine Providence community, Rome. The atmosphere of the house was filled with a spirit of intense collaboration, especially among the members of the large and noisy formation groups, who were always ready to help out wherever needed.

Filomena made her first profession on 30 June 1962 and afterward, now known as Sr. M. Letizia, she returned to her service in the kitchen, which by then had become the place of her self-offering, the setting of her evangelization work. She spent her Juniorate in that sector of the community, where she helped to prepare daily meals for more than four hundred sisters. It was an apostolate that had become very precious to her and she carried it out with joy and passion. This period of her formation was punctuated by unique and unforgettable days like the opening of Vatican Council II and the death of Prima Maestra Thecla. It was in this kitchen setting that she prepared to make her perpetual vows, which took place on the Solemnity of St. Paul in 1967. In her letter to the Superior General, asking for permission to take this step, she had written: "Trusting in God's help, I place myself in his hands. I long to do only and always his will...."


Sr. M. Letizia rejoiced in the fact that the community was made up of countless sisters from all over the world, fostering an ever-growing sense of the Congregation's universal mission. On her part, she lived the Pauline mission within the walls of her kitchen, day in and day out, praying for every ecclesial and congregational event.

Her many years of culinary service were interrupted by several brief experiences in itinerant diffusion in the communities of Caltanissetta and Benevento, and then, beginning in 1975, in the St. Paul Film Agency in Naples. She also served as local superior of the Crotone community for three years. But her expertise as a cook was in great demand and so, from 1981 until last June, she was a member of our beautiful Naples community. The sisters there remember how delighted she was to prepare tasty delicacies for the community and to take advantage of its big and bountiful garden. She would make daily trips there, re-entering the house with baskets overflowing with delicious fruits, which she happily offered both fresh and in pastries to sisters and guests.

In the past few years, Sr. M. Letizia suffered from serious respiratory and heart problems that she quietly accepted, fully surrendered to the will of the Lord. About a month ago, after being released from a Naples hospital to which she had been admitted for a serious health crisis, she was transferred to our James Alberione community, Albano, and last night the Divine Master called her to enter the rest and peace of heaven for all eternity.

We raise a song of praise to him today, filled with consolation and hope as we recall the obedience and faith of this dear sister who believed in the gift of the Pauline vocation and proclaimed the Gospel with great faith through her apostolic service and the witness of life of her life.

Affectionately,

  
Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan

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