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Dearest Sisters,

At 8:45 p.m. last night, one of the sisters in the infirmary wing of our community of Alba, Italy, was called to eternity to dwell forever in the house of the Lord:

**BRUSAMARELLO GRAZIELLA – SR. MARIE DOMINIQUE**  
**born in Schio (Vicenza), Italy, on 25 August 1929.**

A good, respectful, simple and humble sister, Sr. Dominique was convinced of the vocation and value of the Pauline mission, to which she dedicated all her strength, especially during the many long years in which she carried out the apostolate of itinerant propaganda in various dioceses of France.

Of Italian descent, she emigrated to France with her parents at an early age and from that time on she considered herself to be French in all respects. She entered the Congregation in the community of Lyon, France, on 24 September 1956, at the age of 27, and thus was considered an “older vocation.” She was quickly assigned to the mission of outreach, which she carried out with great generosity, visiting families, factories and parishes with bags overflowing with Gospels and books on formation first in the diocese of Lyon and then in that of Paris.


In 1958, Sr. Dominique was sent to Rome to make her novitiate, which concluded with her first profession, on 30 June 1959. Afterward, she resumed her outreach activities in Lyon and Arras, where she organized, in collaboration with the parish priests, Gospel and Family Days, especially in the suburbs of Arras and the areas inhabited by mine workers and their families. She had a unique ability to involve priests in her biblical ministry and it was the priests themselves who invited their parishioners to welcome the new ways of proclaiming the Word to everyone. Families looked forward to the visits of our FSP missionaries, who with great simplicity helped people choose the publications most suitable for their human and Christian formation. Sr. Dominique loved her contact with the public, and her courtesy and kindness to everyone encouraged them to share with her their local customs, traditions and personal situations, all of which she then presented to the Lord during her time of prayer.

At the end of each day’s visits to the families, Sr. Dominique and her companion would then make a report of their activities to the parish priest, enabling him to understand the situations of his parishioners in a more detailed way. Together with her co-missionary, Sr. Dominique never neglected her hour of adoration before the Blessed Sacrament and, in the evening, the half-hour of conversation with him desired so much by the Founder. She made her perpetual profession on the Feast of St. Paul in 1964 and then returned to Besançon and Arras to continue her proclamation of the Word. In 1980 she was given the opportunity for a time of theological updating. At its conclusion, she was transferred to Marseille where, for the next 20 years, she managed the FSP Book Center there and carried out various services in her community.

In 2002, Sr. Dominique was assigned to our Alba community while the Lyon-Villeurbanne delegation house was under renovation. Two years later, when she was asked if she would like to return to France, she chose to remain at the Motherhouse because she felt the environment there was more conducive to her physical and spiritual situation. She spent the last two decades of her life in gradual physical decline due in part to diabetes and then to steadily increasing blindness that blocked her eyesight almost completely. She expressed no needs or demands, behaving like one of the “little ones of the Gospel” on whose lips thanksgiving for everything blossomed ceaselessly. It made her happy when she was asked to enrich special liturgies and community celebrations by intoning a few songs in French in her beautiful voice.

Sr. Dominique returned to the Lord sweetly and gently, lovingly assisted by three FSPs with whom she had lived in community almost the entire time she was in France. With beautiful delicacy, Jesus Master opened the gates of heaven to our sister on the Vigil of the Immaculate Conception, enabling her to contemplate and enjoy forever the wonders of his kingdom. Affectionately,

Rome, 7 December 2023

  
Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan