



Dearest Sisters,

At 7:30 yesterday evening, the Divine Master visited our community of Alba, Italy, to call to his abode of light and peace our sister:

BRAIDA LUIGIA – SR. M. EMANUELLA
born in Pezzolo Valle Uzzone (Cuneo), Italy, on 2 June 1931.

In 2013, Sr. Emanuella wrote: “I celebrated with great joy the 60th anniversary of my religious consecration, filled with gratitude to the Lord who has always loved and sustained me in what has been at times a difficult, tiring and painful journey. I am convinced he will continue to help me with his love and grace in the short stretch of life that still separates me from my final meeting with him.”

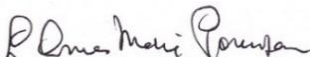
Sr M. Emanuella was a responsible, hardworking sister, who lovingly lived her Pauline vocation day after day. She entered the Congregation in Alba on 11 January 1950, and lived her time of initial formation intensively, in an atmosphere of great vitality and fervor. In 1951, she was sent to Verona for a period of apostolic experience, and the following year she began her novitiate in Rome. She made her first profession on 19 March 1953. On that day, the Feast of St. Joseph, M. Thecla informed all the sisters that the Congregation had received a very great gift, namely the definitive approval of its Constitutions and elevation to the status of an Institute of pontifical right—an act that had taken place on 15 March. Sr. Emanuella would carry the memory of this grace-filled moment in her heart for the rest of her life.

As a young professed sister, she was stationed in Rome and for more than fifteen years worked in the typography, printing books, catechisms and the many pamphlets, circulars, and newsletters containing the thoughts of the Founder and Maestra Thecla, which were then and disseminated throughout the world. During this time, she had the opportunity to experience unforgettable moments of Pauline and ecclesial life, and to help the Congregation’s young women in formation see the technical instruments they used as pulpits from which to proclaim the Gospel.

Beginning in 1969 and for the following ten years, Sr. Emanuella was in direct contact with every category of people thanks to her work at the customer service desks in our Como and Alexandria Book Centers. In 1979 she returned to the Motherhouse in Alba, where she was reassigned to the printing presses. Three years later, she took time out for a period of updating, followed by another interval of apostolic outreach, this time in the book center of Aosta. In 1989 she returned permanently to Alba, where she devoted herself to the bookbinding apostolate.

Sr. Emanuella spent the last several years of her life in Alba’s infirmary wing, where she was under medical treatment for chronic kidney problems and serious hematological (blood-related) disturbances, recently complicated by the onset of lung cancer. It was a time of great suffering for our sister, but she docilely placed herself in the hands of her nurses and gratefully accepted their care. She was very devoted to St. Paul and Blessed James Alberione and wrote: “I don’t let a day go by without praying to them, asking them to ensure that everything I do will please the Lord and contribute to his glory and my sanctification, for the good of the Congregation and all humanity.”

We like to think that these great protectors of our Congregation welcomed Sr. Emanuella to heaven yesterday and led her to the ranks of the many sisters and brothers who now make up the Pauline Family there. Affectionately,


sr Anna Maria Parenzan

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