



Dearest Sisters,

On the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, the three Divine Persons visited our community of Mumbai, India at 11:15 a.m. (local time) to welcome into their loving arms our sister:

PEREIRA SR. STELLA
born in Bassein (Mumbai), India on 8 May 1948.

Sr. Stella was a simple, cheerful, sociable sister who dedicated her many talents to the Indian Province so as to help the Gospel reach every environment, community and person in that immense nation.

She entered the Congregation in the house of Mumbai on 4 June 1967, following the example of her older sister, Sr. M. Gloria. After a time of formation and a period of apostolic experience in Panjim (Goa), she made her novitiate, which concluded with her first profession on 8 December 1973. Sr. Stella then had the chance to complete her apostolic formation, especially in the field of literature. On 8 December 1978, she made her perpetual profession in Mumbai. Aware of her own frailty, she expressed on that occasion her profound joy at being called to proclaim the Gospel through every means of communication, traveling the teeming streets of India in order to take the Word of God to institutes, schools, and numerous groups and associations in the dioceses of Goa and Mumbai.

Her participation in a course at the renowned Ishavani Communication Center in Pune, India, helped to develop her creative nature and enabled her to initiate the production of Indian-language songs in the Province's audiovisual sector and facilitate the translation of texts into the Marathi language. She also worked briefly in the Pastoral Communication Center of the Archdiocese of Mumbai.

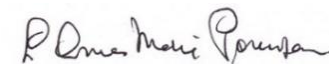
In 1991, after attending a course for formators organized by the local Church, she was asked to take on the responsibility of forming the circumscription's aspirants. Later, she competently and lovingly served as local superior in the communities of Secunderabad, New Delhi, Vasai and Nagpur. Sr. Stella was able to devise with great kindness ever-new ways of creating a genuine family atmosphere in the communities in which she lived and worked. On the diocesan level, she served as a member of the pastoral council, an extraordinary minister of the Eucharist, and an animator of small Christian communities. Always very enthusiastic about the Pauline mission, Sr. Stella took advantage of traditional media such as street plays, theater performances and puppet shows to spread Gospel values. In Vasai, her staging of a drama on the life of St. Paul in the local language has remained etched in the hearts of everyone who attended the event.

She was occupied for a good while with the maintenance of the Province's new, large house in Mumbai, after which she was sent to the community of Panjim (Goa), where she spread human and Christian values through her book center activities. For the past two years, Sr. Stella had been offering, with sensitivity and cordiality, a warm welcome to the laity to our new Pauline complex in Mumbai, where her open, smiling face and profound humanity made a great impact on everyone.

Last November she was diagnosed with stomach cancer. A few weeks later, on 8 December, she joyfully celebrated her 50th anniversary of religious profession, but the disease that was invading her body soon got the upper hand. Although she underwent the prescribed treatments with great hope, the chemotherapy was unsuccessful and a few months ago the cancer reappeared with great aggressivity, leading to her final meeting with Father.

May Sr. Stella, who is now at peace in the eternal "day" of the Lord, continue to sing her praise of the Blessed Trinity for all eternity. Affectionately,

Rome, 26 May 2024


Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan