



Dearest Sisters,

On the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, at 6pm (local time), at the University Hospital of São Paulo (Brazil), one of our sisters was called to contemplate forever the *unfathomable riches of Christ*:

DARIVA SR. NOEMI
born in Maquiné-Osorio (RS Brazil) on 22 March 1936

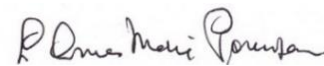
Sr. Noemi was an ever-smiling sister who walked the paths of the new evangelization feeling called, like the Apostle Paul, to the *sacred office of preaching* through the various forms and languages of communication.

She entered the Congregation in the house of Porto Alegre, at the age of fourteen, on 23 January 1950. She concluded her initial formation with her first profession on 30 June 1957 in the community of São Paulo DM. During her Juniorate she continued her studies while also working in the typography, assisting in particular in the proofreading apostolate. After her perpetual profession, made in São Paulo DM, on 30 June 1962, she devoted herself to teaching classes to the various formation groups. In 1971 she served as superior in the community of Cidade Regina. Later she was assigned to the book center in the community of Rio de Janeiro and in 1974 she started writing and producing radio programs, a task that filled her with enthusiasm and marked many years of her Pauline life. In order to be better prepared for this service, she studied philosophy and theology with much dedication and took various courses in communication and computer science. She believed strongly in the Founder's repeated directive, "You must strive at all costs to work in the editorial sector on the basis of studies well done." And again: "The Daughters of St. Paul have a very lofty office. Study is part of the nature of our vocation" (cf. FSP41 p 136).

At various times Sr. Noemi helped in the administration office of the Brazilian edition of the magazine "Famiglia Cristiana". She also served as a superior of the community of Porto Alegre, and later she worked in the editorial department, where she dedicated herself to editing. But her attention was continually drawn to the radio apostolate: she was fascinated by the possibilities of evangelization offered by this simple instrument that reached everywhere. For many years she devoted herself to preparing a program that became very famous: "Biblia, Deus com a gente" ("Bible, God with Us"). The recording, also translated into Spanish, is still sent to Catholic and secular stations throughout Brazil and Latin America. And even when health reasons made it impossible for her to continue direct broadcasts, she carefully and accurately supervised the programs, which placed her in continuous contact with thousands of listeners who through this medium could come to know and love the Word of God.

In 2020 she was transferred to the Cidade Regina community due to declining health. The Lord's visit came suddenly: last 24 May, an accidental fall caused her to break her leg. She was hospitalized at the University Hospital of São Paulo, where she underwent surgery, but did not fully recover due to a pulmonary embolism. Throughout her Pauline life she had proclaimed *the unfathomable riches of Christ*, and it was precisely on the solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus that he welcomed her to contemplate *the length, breadth, and depth of his love* in order to be filled with all the fullness of God (cf. Eph. 3:19).

Affectionately



Sr. Anna Maria Porenzan

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