



Dearest Sisters,

At 5:30 p.m. (local time), in the Madrid Hospital in Madrid, Spain, the Risen Christ called our sister by name and to give her the fullness of joy and life

PEREZ ORIA Sr. TERESA
born in Sacecorbo (Guadalajara, Spain) on July 7, 1934

Sr. Teresa was a cheerful and open person with an affable nature that radiated vitality and a deep love for her homeland and its ancient traditions. She embodied the richness of Spanish folklore, alive with music and dance. Authentic and approachable, she was a joyful apostle—happy in life and in her vocation—always striving for spiritual growth and the good of the people the Lord placed along her path.

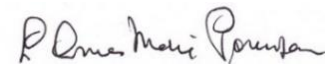
Sr. Teresa entered the congregation in the community of Madrid on November 24, 1958. It was a time of enthusiasm and great vocational and apostolic development as the technical apostolate and book production started in Spain. Gospel feasts were in demand and the first catechetical films and records were produced and distributed. This progress was marked by the inauguration of the first Spanish novitiate which began in 1959. Sr. Teresa entered the novitiate in 1961 and the following year, on the Solemnity of St. Paul, she made her first profession.

As a junior professed, Sr. Teresa was assigned to the book center in Barcelona. It was an apostolic assignment that perfectly suited her enthusiastic and exuberant spirit, and one that would define her entire Pauline life. For nearly 60 uninterrupted years, from 1963 until just three years ago, Sr. Teresa carried out the Pauline mission from the pulpit of the book center with unwavering dedication. For a three-year period, she was the superior of the community of Madrid-St. Bernard, though she never truly left behind her beloved book center. The centers in Barcelona and Valencia, and especially the one in Madrid-St. Bernard, became the spaces of her daily offering, of her spiritual, intellectual, and apostolic growth and maturity. With genuine passion, she went out of her way to keep up with what was new, including the latest authors, books, and intellectual trends. It was common to see her retreat to her room with a stack of books, which she would not simply leaf through but study attentively during the quiet hours of the night. Priests, teachers, laypeople, even bishops, would confidently turn to her for suggestions. For each one, she had a fitting recommendation, and a helpful word to respond to their questions and expectations. All of this was the fruit of careful study, deep listening, a strong sense of responsibility, and above all, a profound love for people.

In her simplicity, Sr. Teresa was a natural entertainer as her presence always brought joy and a sense of celebration. She became a point of reference for the lay collaborators who worked in the book center, who saw in her not only a guide for their work, but above all, a mother figure and a compass for life. Even in her later years, when age and health required her to remain at home, Sr. Teresa never failed to make a brief daily visit to the book center, where she continued to encourage others and nurture a warm, family-like atmosphere. Since the convent was in the same building, she was often called upon to greet visitors—many of whom sought to greet her and to express their gratitude and affection for all she had been to them.

For some time, her health had been a concern, yet despite numerous clinical tests and repeated hospitalizations, the cause of her ill health remained unidentified. Sr. Teresa had received a pacemaker, but her condition suddenly worsened. Then, on the Octave of Easter—amid the long alleluia that marks the beauty of the Resurrection and welcomes the light of eternal joy—the Lord opened the gates of heaven to her.

Affectionately,


sr Anna Maria Parenzan

Rome, April 23, 2025