



Dearest Sisters,

On July 15, at 4 p.m. in the community of Albano, the merciful Father drew to Himself in His kingdom of peace, our sister

**DAL PIAZ Sr. ANNA MARIA**  
**born in Merano (Bolzano) on November 18, 1939**

We remember Sr. Anna Maria's radiant smile, her quiet and gentle presence, and her generous spirit. For the last six years, she embraced life in a setting very different from the small communities in Germany where she had joyfully, simply, and lovingly served for over forty-five years. Coming from a cultural environment rich in musical tradition, she had a deep love for dance. Even when she was ill, her face would light up when she could move a few steps to the rhythm of a Viennese waltz.

Sr. Anna Maria entered the congregation in Alba on October 7, 1962. After completing her novitiate, she made her first profession on June 30, 1966. During her years of temporary vows, she dedicated herself to the apostolate at the St. Paul Film Agency in Verona. She then had the opportunity to share for two years in the efforts and joys of beginning a new foundation in Düsseldorf, Germany.

Sr. Anna Maria made her perpetual profession in Rome on June 29, 1972. After a brief assignment at the book center in Trento, she was sent to Germany in 1974 as a missionary. From that point until 2019, Germany became her home—the place of her spiritual growth and daily self-giving. Having been born in a border region with Austria and raised in a bi-lingual context, speaking both Italian and German, she had a natural affinity for German culture. She offered the German people and church the richness of her heart and intellect. She first served in Düsseldorf and then, in 1978, she helped to establish the new community in Nuremberg with three other sisters. The chronicles of the time recall how our mission there began in Sacred Heart Parish, with home visits to offer books on formation and Christian literature. They also recall the 1979 launch of the “St. Elizabeth Oasis” an initiative in a pedestrian area, which involved setting up a display of books and audiovisual materials. In 1981, Sr. Anna Maria saw her long-held dream come true: opening a bookstore as a center for spreading the Word—a place of silence, encounter, and prayer. In a society increasingly open to ecumenism, she also collaborated with the Lutheran Church in promoting various initiatives.

From 1991, when the German delegation was established, until 2010, Sr. Anna Maria faithfully served as delegation bursar with precision and foresight. She also served as a councilor for two terms. After completing her service on the council, she dedicated herself with genuine passion to welcoming and offering Christian formation to migrants at the Italian Catholic Mission. She once wrote, “I am given the joy—and at the same time the awareness—of being God's instrument among these brothers and sisters whom the Lord has placed on my path. I love these people who, despite economic hardship and the challenges of adapting to a new country, strive to live their faith with dedication and sacrifice.”

In 2019, Sr. Anna Maria returned to Italy for health reasons and was welcomed into the community of Albano. She spent her final years there with serenity and openness, participating in the life of the community with quiet docility. Though she had been completely bedridden for several months, here serene and smooth countenance, was often lit by a broad smile of gratitude, a smile that remained with her almost until her final breath.

The words of the Psalmist offer us deep consolation: “Let us go with joy to the house of the Lord.” Sr. Anna Maria is now in that house of joy and peace... and this is how we love to remember her, with hearts full of gratitude for the gift of her life, as we entrust her to the boundless mercy of God.

Affectionately,



Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan

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