



Dearest Sisters,

On the memorial of the Most Holy Name of Mary, at 6:30 p.m. at the infirmary of the Motherhouse in Alba, the Virgin Mother took our sister by the hand and led her into the kingdom of heaven;

**CREMON CESARINA MARIA Sr. MARIA AGNES
born in Cadeglioppi (Verona) on March 21, 1928**

Sr. M. Agnes was deeply convinced that her beloved Lady of Guadalupe, the Virgin Patroness of Mexico and all the Americas, would hasten to her side at the very moment of her encounter with the Father. In her final days, she continued to invoke Mary with great tenderness. The rosary, tightly held between her fingers, became her constant companion, indeed, her strength and consolation. She continued to entrust herself and the entire world to the Virgin Mary. As the sisters gratefully recall, she truly carried the world in her heart.


She entered the congregation in Alba on May 1, 1948, after attending the Technical Commercial Institute. During the following year she brought the Gospel to families in Reggio Emilia, praying for the needs of all those she met. In 1950, the Holy Year, Sr. M. Agnes entered the novitiate in Rome, and on March 19, 1951, she made her first profession. As a junior professed, she continued to dedicate herself to evangelization in the Archdiocese of Milan, traveling the streets of the great metropolis and those of the Alpine valleys with her bags full of books.

In 1953, Sr. M. Agnes was called to take a great leap of faith: to join the small community being formed in Mexico and to take on the formation of the young women who were entering in large numbers. At that time, just five years after the foundation, the community had already welcomed twenty aspirants, six postulants, and six novices. Commenting on this remarkable growth, the sisters noted, *“What draws young women to our congregation is the missionary spirit with which the apostolate is carried out. They see us as true missionaries.”* Sr. M. Agnes made her perpetual profession of vows in Mexico. She remained in that young and vibrant community for nearly twenty years, devoting herself almost entirely to the apostolate of formation, though for three of those years she also served as superior of the community in Guadalajara. Mexico always held a special place in her heart. She cherished those years in which she felt truly Mexican among Mexicans. She made her own their joy, their music, their deep faith, and above all, their profound devotion to Our Lady.

In 1972, for health reasons, Sr. M. Agnes returned to Italy and spent some time at the Generalate. Though the call to mission remained strong, she had to let it go. She then enthusiastically dedicated herself to the book center apostolate, first in Bologna and later in Verona, where she also managed the storeroom. For about a decade, she was called to a different kind of mission: the loving care of her mother who needed assistance. Upon returning to community, she spent several years in Verona and Udine, offering her service to the sisters with a heart full of gratitude.

Sr. M. Agnes resided in the Motherhouse since 2010. She wrote with deep conviction “[I am] content because I am certain that this is God's will... The Lord holds my hand and everything He allows is for my true good...” She had no special needs, tried not to disturb anyone, and was grateful for every act of care. The presence of the sisters brought her deep joy. In that quiet serenity, Sr. M. Agnes’ soul, her entire life, was revealed through her beautiful smile. About two months ago, a fall left her completely dependent on others. She passed away peacefully, radiating a light of faith and love, of self-giving and holiness. We entrust the Pauline communities of Mexico to her intercession as well as young people who are searching—those very young people whom, as Pope Leo emphasized, God is seeking, calling, and inviting.

Affectionately,


Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan

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