



Dear Sisters,

Yesterday afternoon at 2:40 p.m., on Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary of the Rosary, in the community of Buenos Aires-Nazca our sister was called to the Life that has no end:

VELOTERI Sr. IMELDA
born in Llambi Campbell (Santa Fe, Argentina) on February 10, 1941.

Sr. Imelda was the youngest daughter in a deeply Christian family of eleven children. By the age of six, she had already memorized the catechism and was therefore permitted to receive the Eucharist early. From a young age, she became familiar with and drawn to the Pauline vocation. In fact, her hometown at that time was a cradle of vocations, having given the Church and the Pauline Family five Daughters of St. Paul and a priest. Her older sister, Sr. Julia (who passed away in 2022), entered the congregation at a very young age, too, and Sr. Imelda followed on January 23, 1952, when she was just eleven years old. After a long period of formation, during which she became skilled in the art of printing and was able to complete her education, she entered the novitiate in Buenos Aires-Nazca, making her first profession on June 30, 1960. During her juniorate, she dedicated herself with great passion to spreading the Gospel in the vast city of Buenos Aires. After professing perpetual vows on the Solemnity of St. Paul in 1965, she began a vibrant apostolic mission that spanned many years and places. Following her perpetual profession on the Solemnity of St. Paul in 1965, she embarked on a long and fruitful apostolic journey as a Pauline.

Sr. Imelda was an energetic and deeply enthusiastic person, always ready to lighten the mood with a good, hearty laugh. She had a profound love for the Pauline charism and was a gifted apostolic animator. Her dynamism and strong organizational skills helped ensure the widespread dissemination of the Word to people of all backgrounds. In cities such as Tucumán, Montevideo (Uruguay), Buenos Aires-Larrea, and Asunción (Paraguay), she served actively in the book centers, immersing herself with simplicity and affection in cultures different from her own. In Rosario, Buenos Aires-Nazca, and Añatuya, Sr. Imelda served multiple terms as local superior. She was someone the sisters completely trusted, which is why she was also chosen to serve as provincial councilor for apostolic ministry. Sr. Imelda had a broad vision and a deep cultural sensitivity, always ready to value and embrace every form of communication for the proclamation of the Gospel. In Añatuya, located in the province of Santiago del Estero, she was actively involved in producing radio programs that reached even the most remote rural communities.

In a hastily written letter to the Superior General in 1991 Sr. Imelda expressed all her generosity and apostolic zeal, her readiness to respond to the promptings of the Spirit in the face of the urgencies of evangelization. She wrote: "I would never ask to leave my circumscription to carry out our mission in another nation (I don't think it is my vocation), but if you need me and if I can do something, I am available. I would like to tell you in all simplicity: if you have a need for the language, for health, for psychological strength ... in the name of God, I can go where there is a need. I do not have the vocation of a martyr; I only have the certainty that wherever I am I will be in God's will. I want you to know that I am fine wherever I am and I don't need to change provinces...but if the congregation needs me, I am available."

In recent years, Sr. Imelda was again a member of the Buenos Aires-Nazca community. She experienced progressive loss of hearing and vision, and further medical tests revealed a meningioma in her brain—too advanced to be surgically removed. Despite intense physical suffering, she continued to radiate peace and hope, entrusting herself gently and confidently into the hands of the Lord.

We entrust to Sr. Imelda the outcomes discerned during the General Chapter, that through the *calls* we have identified, our mission may be *renewed and revitalized and may speak the languages of the women and men of our time*.

Affectionately,

Rome, October 8, 2025



Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan