



Dearest Sisters,

At 1 a.m., in the Giacomo Alberione community of Albano, the Divine Master called to live forever in his dwelling place of Light our sister:

ZINI sr ELIDE

Born in San Biagio di Correggio (Reggio Emilia) on November 8, 1934

She belonged to a hard-working family from the province of Reggio Emilia, from whom she had inherited a strong sense of responsibility, an open mind, and a contagious serenity. Her face, often lit up by a broad smile, instilled a sense of peace, gratitude, and security.

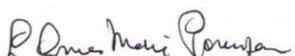
She entered the Congregation on July 13, 1957, in the community of Alba. She enthusiastically immersed herself in her newly chosen lifestyle, embracing the characteristics of Pauline spirituality and becoming an expert in bookbinding techniques. Given her mature age, she was soon sent to Rome for her novitiate, which she completed with her first profession on June 30, 1960. Immediately afterwards, she devoted herself to the itinerant diffusion of the Gospel in the dioceses of Turin and Lodi. In 1963, on the occasion of the renewal of her vows, she wrote to Maestra Tecla: "I have spent a peaceful, happy year; I have felt at home. If I have not responded generously to the graces received, it is entirely my fault. This year dedicated to greater sanctification really makes me think, because it is always difficult to restrain one's own ego..."

After her perpetual profession on June 30, 1965, she began to learn the art of service in the bookcenter in the community of Asti and continued her commitment to spreading the Word in Cremona. Immediately afterwards, she was called to the service of authority that would mark her entire Pauline life. Pavia, Brescia, Turin Gozzano and Turin Petrarca, Bologna, Bologna Mondo, and Lugano were the communities in which she exercised the art of service as local superior, sometimes for several terms. She was a beloved superior, known for her dynamism, her attention to each sister, her open-mindedness, her apostolic intuition, her organizational skills, her sense of humor, and even her culinary art, which was expressed in the preparation of typical dishes of the fine cuisine of Reggio Emilia. Sr. Elide, with the simplicity and human warmth that distinguished her, valued each sister and made everyone feel at ease thus allowing each one to make her contribution to community life. In the Divine Providence community of Rome and in Lugano (Switzerland), she also served as local bursar.

In 2016, she was assigned to the Giacomo Alberione community of Albano to assist with the switchboard and to carry out the role of community bursar. But soon she was visited by suffering: in 2018, following a fall, she had to undergo surgery, which in turn caused a serious bacterial bone marrow infection, which no antibiotic therapy was able to cure. She faced this long period of illness with great courage and serenity, even undergoing the implantation of five prostheses in her lower limbs. She was able to avoid amputation, but her suffering was great, and she was completely bedridden for two years. Despite her difficult physical situation, she was committed to brightening up the community atmosphere by preparing colorful plastic flowers carefully placed in bars of soap. With great patience and finesse, she further decorated the soap bars with festive ribbons and gave them as gifts to visitors and neighboring communities.

With all her heart Sr. Elide desired to really become a saint... and we can wholeheartedly say that she was a *next door saint*, a sister who lived her daily life with her gaze fixed on eternal goods. Now Sr. Elide experiences the joy of salvation forever and reminds us all to live in the light of the resurrection and to feel protected by the great Pauline community in heaven. With affection.

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Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan