

Dearest Sisters,

We have received news that the Father of Light once again has visited one of our communities. On January 15, at 4:00 p.m. (local time) in the community of Cidade Regina (São Paulo, Brazil), He called to Himself our sister:

KUHN Sr. WILMA OLIVIA
born in Estrela (Porto Alegre, Brazil) on October 20, 1934

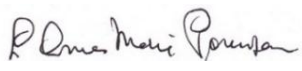
Sr. Wilma came from a large, deeply Christian family of German heritage. She entered the congregation in Porto Alegre on January 24, 1951, with a strong desire to offer her life as a gift to the Lord and to people everywhere. She quickly learned the craft of printing and how to turn with simplicity and trust to the Divine Master, the Apostle Paul, and the Virgin Mary, Queen of Apostles. After several years of formation, Sr. Wilma made her novitiate in São Paulo, followed by her first profession there on March 19, 1956. As a young professed sister, she devoted herself to itinerant evangelization in the Diocese of Salvador and later made a valuable contribution to some of the largest Pauline bookstores in Brazil, including those in São Paulo, Rio de Janeiro, Porto Alegre, and Niterói.

In 1975, Sr. Wilma wrote to the Superior General: *“With greater awareness, I renew my yes, also in response to the immense goodness of the Father who has called me, welcomed me, and accompanied me through the loving—and at times painful—mystery of His holy will. His living presence has been, and continues to be, my support.”* On that occasion, Sr. Wilma also renewed her yes to the intense and constant missionary vocation she experienced as a call from God: *“If the Lord desires the collaboration of my humble person in building His Kingdom, I am here! My commitment is to make this presence of God within me ever more alive and transparent by living in abandonment to His will.”*

Since 1992, for health reasons, Sr. Wilma devoted herself primarily to domestic services, first in Rio de Janeiro and later in the Teresa Merlo community in São Paulo. As her hearing diminished, she became even gentler, more attentive and respectful, concerned above all with welcoming the sisters home after long days of apostolic work with warmth and care. Love made her creative in preparing meals that brightened the table and fostered a peaceful, relaxed atmosphere. Always at the service of others, she readily set aside her own needs to attend to the community’s and each sister’s needs. Her presence radiated peace, love, and respect. She found joy in being kept informed about the various apostolic initiatives, which she accompanied with daily prayer and the offering of her life and sufferings, especially for young women in formation, for vocations, and for the growth of the mission. Since 2014, she lived in the Cidade Regina community, where, as her illness, particularly Alzheimer’s disease, progressed, she entered into a loving silence that communicated deep peace and serenity, quietly revealing God.

We ask Sr. Wilma, a woman of peace and mercy, to intercede for peace in the world, so that “the flame of hope may always be lit, and choices of dialogue and reconciliation may be made with patient perseverance.”

Affectionately,


Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan

Rome, January 16, 2026