



Dearest Sisters,

On January 30, at 6:00 a.m., in the Naples-Capodimonte community, the Father called our sister

LETIZIA FILOMENA, Sr. MARIA AUGUSTA
born in Sant'Arcangelo Trimonte (Benevento) on July 1, 1925

Sr. M. Augusta, who lived to be over 100 years old, gave all her strength to the Gospel day after day, in the simplicity of daily life. On her 60th anniversary of profession in 2009, she wrote: "I thank and praise God for my long, wonderful journey of faith. Despite the stumbling blocks, limitations, and weaknesses, He has guided and continues to guide His creature with such kindness. I will never be able to bless the Lord enough for having given me the gift of knowing Maestra Thecla, teacher of my Pauline vocation and of my life of faith."

Sr. M. Augusta entered the congregation in Rome on October 12, 1946. After her initial formation, she carried out the apostolate of diffusion at the house in Campobasso, then made her novitiate in Rome, followed by her first profession on March 19, 1949. During her juniorate, she was introduced to the book center apostolate in Venice and then returned to Rome for her perpetual profession, which she made on March 19, 1954. It was a special year, full of blessings, in which the Pauline Family celebrated the 40th anniversary of the Pauline Family and the Founder's 70th birthday with thanksgiving. A whole world of initiatives, inspired by the creative idea of being the *Postmistresses of Jesus*, was in full swing: Gospel Festivals, Bible and Catechetical Weeks, and Marian Days. In that context, Sr. M. Augusta took to heart the Founder's invitation to "Let God work... because we are only instruments, collaborators of God, sent to evangelize." With joy, she took every care to be better prepared to proclaim the Gospel in the particularly active book centers to which she was assigned: Trieste, Como, Sassari, Ancona, Udine, and Avellino.

In 1983, Sr. M. Augusta had the opportunity to take a year's break in Asti to study the Pauline charism and the changing social context alongside other sisters. At the end of that period, she assisted first in the community of Naples and later in those of Ravenna, L'Aquila, and Cosenza, particularly through the book center apostolate. She was well known and highly regarded as an energetic, attentive member of the book center staff, deeply familiar with the books and gifted at forming friendships and relationships with people of every background.

Since 2011, Sr. M. Augusta lived in the Naples-Capodimonte community, where she remained until her final call, radiating serenity and a deep love for the congregation and the Church. She never tired of expressing gratitude for the gift of the Pauline vocation, which had enriched her entire life. This past August, she joyfully celebrated her 100th birthday, praising God and surrounded by her nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and great-nephews, who loved her deeply.

In her final days, still fully self-sufficient, she often invoked the coming of the Bridegroom. She longed to go to Him and yearned only for heaven. Like a bride, she prepared herself with care, surrounding herself with order and cleanliness, making herself beautiful for her Lord. With grateful hearts, we thank this dear sister for the good she sowed among us and entrust her to the Father's mercy, that she may see His Face face to face and rejoice forever.

Affectionately,

Rome, January 30, 2026

Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan