



Dearest Sisters,

We received the news that yesterday, February 1, at 6:45 p.m. (local time), in the Buenos Aires-Nazca community (Argentina), our sister was called to contemplate forever the radiant face of the Father:

MAZA JOSEFINA Sr. MARIA ELISABETH
born in Machagay (Chaco, Argentina) on March 20, 1940

Sr. M. Elizabeth was born into a large and deeply Christian family, from whom she inherited a strong religious spirit, simplicity of life, and a spirit of sacrifice. She first came to know the Daughters of St. Paul when they were evangelizing door to door and was deeply attracted by this new apostolic approach. At the age of 21, on October 7, 1961, she entered the congregation in the Buenos Aires-Nazca community. A skilled seamstress, from her earliest years, she was able to put her expertise to use.

She made her novitiate at Buenos Aires-Nazca, which concluded with her first profession on December 8, 1964. After experiencing the mission in Montevideo (Uruguay), on December 8, 1970, Sr. Elizabeth pronounced her definitive “yes” forever with understanding and maturity. She was aware of her own fragility, but as she herself wrote, she was certain that with the help of the Virgin Mary, she would come to imitate the Divine Master, to whom she consecrated her entire life.

Over the years, Sr. Elizabeth carried out a wide range of apostolic activities and services in the various communities of the province: from itinerant distribution in Montevideo (Uruguay) to the book centers in Tucumán and Santa Fe; from editorial and audiovisual production to the graphics office of *Familia Cristiana* (Argentine edition); from service as local superior in Mendoza to her ministry as a vocation promoter in Resistencia. In Asunción, Paraguay, she accompanied the apostolic growth of that new foundation for several years through her commitment to itinerant missions, the bookstore, and administrative service.

In 2005, Sr. Elisabeth returned to Montevideo (Uruguay) to serve as the manager of the large book center, and in 2008, she was appointed provincial bursar. She later carried out the book center apostolate in Tucumán and served as bursar in Resistencia. Sr. Elisabeth was truly a multifaceted person—always precise, dedicated, and creative, and deeply committed to carrying out her duties with care and excellence. She had a keen sense of time and knew how to make the most of every opportunity for the mission. Gifted in mathematics, sewing, and handicrafts, she delighted in creating handmade cards for many occasions and crafting beautiful, delicate porcelain figurines, which she generously shared as gifts.

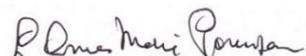
From 2011 onward, her health gradually declined, and she received a pacemaker. Sr. M. Elizabeth continued lovingly in her role as bursar, but soon, due to cognitive difficulties, she was welcomed into the infirmary in Buenos Aires-Nazca. She never lost her smile or the tenderness that characterized her. She spent her time cooking, painting, and praying the rosary with the sisters who shared those long days with her.

A few months ago, Sr. Elizabeth underwent surgery for a fractured femur. Her recovery was slow, and for nearly two months she remained at the Syro-Lebanese Hospital, assisted by her younger sister Rachele, with whom she shared a very special bond. In recent weeks, she returned to the community and began physical therapy. She was happy to be back home, and when she received Jesus in the morning, her face would light up with joy. She often gazed at the crucifix to receive strength and grace and to unite herself with Him in offering for the needs of the whole world.

The visit of her Lord came suddenly, but certainly did not find her unprepared. Like the faithful Virgin, Sr. Elisabeth pronounced her “*Here I am*,” which introduced her forever into the splendor of eternal light, for her final, everlasting profession.

Affectionately,

Rome, February 2, 2026



Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan