



Dearest Sisters,

We received news that on June 4, at 10 p.m., in the community of Curitiba, Brazil, our sister returned to the Father's house:

Sr. LETICIA PILECCO

born in Vale Veneto, Santa Maria, Rio Grande do Sul (RS), Brazil, on March 25, 1938

Born on the Solemnity of the Annunciation, Sr. Leticia learned from the Virgin Mary to welcome every event with joy and complete openness to grace. In 1975 she wrote to the Superior General: "At the age of fifteen, I said my *yes* to God in the congregation, and every day I feel happier to belong entirely to him, despite the difficulties: God is Father. I renew my *yes* with joy and gratitude, and I ask the Lord for the great grace of remaining faithful until death to my Pauline religious vocation. I thank him for the gift of being a Pauline sister and for the opportunity to work with the means of social communication."

Sr. Leticia entered the congregation in the community of Porto Alegre, Brazil, on January 9, 1953, delighted to be able to devote all her energies to the Pauline mission. She made her novitiate in 1959 in São Paulo and made her first profession there on June 30, 1960. As a junior professed sister, she dedicated herself to the apostolate of diffusion in the archdioceses of Belo Horizonte and Olinda-Recife. After her perpetual profession on June 30, 1965, she continued to communicate the Word in the great metropolis of São Paulo. The reports of her apostolic journeys that Sr. Leticia sent to the provincial superior are filled with enthusiasm, love for the mission, and gratitude for such a beautiful vocation—one that reached the poorest, especially those who were poor in faith. A skilled driver, for several decades she traveled the roads of Brazil with cars loaded with books, Bibles, and sisters. She loved meeting people during Bible and Mission Weeks, visiting families and spreading the Gospel in parishes, factories, and offices. She was truly tireless, always ready to travel by train or bus from one city to another across that vast nation where she also encouraged renewals of subscriptions to the *Família Cristã* magazine. Nor did Sr. Leticia hesitate to make use of riverboats to navigate the long Paraná River and reach the most remote places, where families, schools, and parishes eagerly awaited the visit of the missionaries of the Word. She was truly a Pauline Sister *on the move*, deeply committed to serving those on the peripheries.

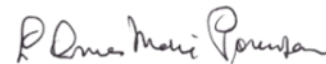
In Pelotas, Belo Horizonte, Maringá, São Luís, Goiânia, and Curitiba, Sr. Leticia served in the book centers with a profound conviction about the value of Christian culture. She was always open and available to go wherever apostolic needs, and the needs of the congregation called her. At Cidade Regina, São Paulo, she worked for a time in the graphics department, and in Recife she enthusiastically worked to promote vocations, sharing with young women the same fervor and apostolic spirit that animated her own life. Her lifestyle reflected a love for simplicity and a desire to place everything at the service of the Gospel.

In 2005 Sr. Leticia moved to the community of Porto Velho, in a region largely covered by the Amazon rainforest, where she assisted in the book center and served as the local bursar. Her apostolic heart led her to become involved with a group of lay people engaged in prison ministry. Concerned by the suffering of those living on the margins of society, she succeeded in obtaining recognition of their fundamental rights from the appropriate authorities.

In 2018, after suffering a serious health setback, Sr. Leticia accepted with faith her transfer to the community in Curitiba, where she could receive the care she needed while continuing to radiate peace, kindness, and good humor. Even as her illness progressed, she carried out small services whenever possible. Recently, however, her condition began to worsen steadily. Then, on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, celebrated on June 4th in Brazil, the Divine Master invited her to remain in him forever—to be nourished by him, to live in him, and belong wholly to him in a communion of mutual love.

Affectionately,

Rome, June 5, 2026



Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan