



Dearest Sisters,

At 2:50 a.m. June 15, the anniversary of our congregation, at the “Nueva del Lago” Clinic in Bogotá, Colombia, the Father called our sister home:

RINCON VANEGAS EDITH Sr. MARIA PATRICIA
born in Barranquilla, Colombia on July 27, 1941

Sr. M. Patricia entered the congregation in Bogotá on February 2, 1959, the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple. From her earliest years, she joyfully embraced and assimilated the Pauline charism and committed herself to making it *alive and active* in the Church and in Colombian society.

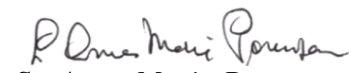
At the conclusion of her novitiate year in Bogotá, Sr. M. Patricia made her first profession on December 8, 1962. Soon afterward she dedicated herself to Biblical missions and the spread of the Word in the Archdioceses of Manizales, Bogotá, and Cúcuta. During her early years in the Bogotá community, she devoted herself to the technical apostolate and learned to operate the linotype machine with great skill. On the occasion of her perpetual profession, made on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception in 1968, she expressed both an awareness of her own poverty and complete trust in the Lord. She wrote: “I firmly believe that the Lord will not abandon me and will help me fulfill all that is contained in the grace of my vocation.” Throughout her life, Sr. M. Patricia developed the gift she had received by making fruitful use of the many talents with which she had been blessed. The sisters remember her generous commitment and creativity in the itinerant apostolate, the book center, the printing and advertising departments, in administration and accounting, and especially in apostolic coordination and organization. Her love for the sisters also led her to serve as local superior in the communities of Cúcuta, Cali, and Manizales.

In 1993, Sr. M. Patricia had the opportunity to live in the community on Via dei Lucchesi in Rome, for further Religious Studies (theology, scripture, philosophy, pastoral ministry) and to deepen her understanding of the Institute’s charismatic roots. It was a very fruitful phase of her life, during which her close contact with the Institute’s sources strengthened her sense of belonging. Upon returning to Bogotá, she devoted herself to reorganization of the apostolate and computerization of the book centers. Sr. M. Patricia stood out for her creativity, cheerfulness, and constant desire to explore new avenues for the development of the Pauline mission. She possessed a far-sighted vision, ranging from the big picture of the apostolate to ordinary tasks such as household repairs. She affectionately remembered the community and book center in Barranquilla, where she first met the Daughters of St. Paul and where she proclaimed the Word in a very poor and working-class neighborhood for over fifteen years. She resided in Bogotá since 2017. Until a few years ago she was still able to perform some small tasks, but then serious respiratory and intestinal problems confined her to bed, where the sisters assisted with her care.

The Lord called Sr. M. Patricia home on the *blessed day* of the anniversary of our Institute’s foundation, which was also the 75th anniversary of the opening of the house in her beloved Barranquilla. We now think of her *at home*, welcomed into the maternal arms of the Virgin Mary, and into the tender and affectionate embrace of Mother Thecla, our Mother in faith and in the Pauline vocation.

Affectionately,

Rome, June 15, 2026


Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan