



Dearest Sisters,

On August 21, at 6:30 p.m., in her room at the Divine Master community in São Paulo, Brazil, the good Father suddenly called to himself, due to a heart condition, our sister:

GRANDI APARECIDA Sr. PAULINA
born in Cambarà, Jacarezinho, PR, Brazil on 20 September 1930

Hers was a long life lived in faithfulness, devoted entirely to the Lord and to the growth of the congregation and its evangelizing mission. In 2019, on the occasion of the seventieth anniversary of her profession, Sr. Paulina recalled: "...These have been years of many graces received from the Lord and from the congregation, and seventy years lived in fidelity to God and to the mission. Everything is possible when we believe that the Lord truly walks with us... and of this I am certain and convinced."

Fidelity and love are the words that best sum up the life of this dear sister. From the Apostle Paul she inherited not only her name, but also that ardent apostolic passion that enabled her to embrace the world and every situation in the Church and the congregation, even though for almost sixty years she worked quietly behind the scenes in administrative offices. There she made her daily offering, carrying out her work with dedication and responsibility, amid its joys and concerns.

Sr. Paulina entered the congregation in the Divine Master (DM) community in São Paulo, Brazil, on July 30, 1946. In that community, which she loved so dearly, she spent her first years of formation and novitiate, culminating in her first profession on December 8, 1949. There she also spent her years of juniorate and made her perpetual profession on December 8, 1954. After a brief period at the book center in Belo Horizonte, Sr. Paulina returned to that community for higher studies and, for five years, to accompany the aspirants in their formation. After six years of service as superior of the Divine Master community, and the community in Belo Horizonte, she returned to São Paulo DM in 1966 to take on the role of provincial bursar, a responsibility she carried out for sixteen years with wisdom, foresight, and unwavering integrity. It was a time of great apostolic and vocational growth, which Sr. Paulina accompanied with vision and fervor, fostering the development of the various dimensions of Pauline life so that the mission might become ever more fruitful and effective. At the conclusion of her service as provincial bursar, she accepted the role of superior in Brasília in 1984 and later returned to São Paulo, first to the Queen of Apostles community, where the administration was then located, and subsequently once again to the Divine Master community, which remained her home until the end of her life.

Sr. Paulina's simple, energetic, and unassuming manner made an impression even on the younger sisters, who saw in her the image of a Daughter of St. Paul who had lived her vocation to the full. She had a gift for spreading good humor and kindness, goodness and understanding, and was known for her hard work and love of community life, expressed through concrete gestures of fraternity. Even as her physical strength declined, she continued to give of herself in the administrative offices with dedication and admirable precision, supporting the younger sisters and offering them wise counsel until her final day. Sr. Paulina possessed a deep spirit of prayer and lived in intimate union with the Lord, her beloved Master. Always grateful for the gift of her Pauline vocation, her words and attitudes revealed her deep gratitude and love for Fr. Alberione and Maestra Thecla and for all she had received from them.

Having reached the end of a long life, Sr. Paulina was ready to enter into the intimacy of the Bridegroom, to *see* and *touch* her Master and, with him, ascend to the Father in the wondrous light of the Kingdom.

Affectionately,

Rome, August 22, 2026


Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan