



Dearest Sisters,

On October 15, at 9:30 a.m. at the Syrian Lebanese Hospital in Buenos Aires, Argentina, the Lord of Life called our sister to live forever in his intimate presence:

KILLING Sr. ANA MARIA
born in Comodoro Rivadavia, (Viedma, Argentina) on November 12, 1945

Sr. Ana Maria was a simple and kind sister who lived her Pauline vocation with a deep sense of belonging and a desire to give of herself, devoting herself especially to serving the sisters in leadership roles. With wisdom and great love, she guided the Argentina-Uruguay-Paraguay Province, serving as provincial superior for seven nonconsecutive terms. Through her own life, she helped write the history of this long-established province, experiencing its successive transformations firsthand and revealing the truth and beauty of Alberione's words: *to govern is to love*.

Sr. Ana Maria entered the congregation in the Nazca community in Buenos Aires on March 28, 1956, at the age of eleven. There, on December 8, 1966, at the end of a lengthy period of formation, she made her first profession, followed by perpetual profession on April 14, 1974. After gaining experience in our distribution apostolate in the Archdiocese of Rosario and at the San Paolo Film agency in Buenos Aires, she began serving as a provincial councilor in 1978 and as provincial superior in 1980. In this capacity she participated in the Fifth General Chapter in 1983, contributing her experience to the drafting of the articles of the Constitutions concerning the service of government.

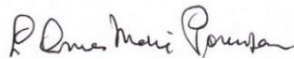
In 1984, Sr. Ana Maria was confirmed for another term as provincial superior. At its conclusion, she was able to enjoy a period of renewal in Santiago, Chile. Upon returning to Argentina, she joyfully joined the editorial staff of the magazine *Familia Cristiana* but was soon called to serve as superior of the Buenos Aires Nazca community and as formator of the temporarily professed sisters. In 1993, the sisters again recommended her as provincial superior. Two years later, at the Seventh General Chapter, she was elected general councilor for the apostolate and also assumed the role of vicar general.

At the end of her term in 2001, Sr. Ana Maria returned to Argentina to guide the province once again as provincial superior. In 2008, she was called back to the Generalate to take responsibility for the lay collaborators sector. This was a brief experience, for two years later she returned to Buenos Aires, ready to lead the province for another six years. This was a time of discernment concerning the reorganization of Pauline communities in Latin America where the average age was rising and vocations were scarce. Her sincere search for the Lord's will and her openness to communion contributed to the creation of the America Australe Province (Southern South America) which brought the Chilean Delegation into the then Argentina-Uruguay-Paraguay circumscription. In 2017, Sr. Ana Maria entrusted the new province to other hands, confident that unification would bring renewed vitality. But she did not consider herself retired: she had another opportunity to lead and accompany the Santiago, Chile, community. For health reasons, she returned to Buenos Aires in 2020, happy to continue making a significant contribution to the editorial work of the digital edition of *Familia Cristiana*.

Signs of cognitive decline soon appeared, and Sr. Ana Maria was transferred to the Nazca community to receive appropriate care. Even in illness, she maintained her usual peaceful, cheerful disposition and her desire to participate in community life. This past August, she participated fully in the annual retreat. She was now ready to *return home*. Just a few days ago, she was hospitalized because of a severe hemorrhage. She died peacefully, surrounded by the love of her family and the sisters, who were invoking the Virgin Mary, the Gate of Heaven. As we entrust her life to the Father's embrace, we express our profound gratitude to Sr. Ana Maria for having been among us a sign of God's infinite beauty.

Affectionately,

Rome, October 15, 2026


Sr. Ana Maria Parenzan