Figlie di San Paolo

Dearest Sisters,

We received news that on November 3, at 11:15 a.m. at St. John of God Hospital in Pasay City, Philippines, our good and merciful Father called to himself our sister

DE LA CRUZ Sr. PROSERFINA
born in Tadian Kayan, Mountain Province, Philippines, on April 28, 1934

We remember Sr. Proserfina as a woman who walked with God, as Jesus' letter carrier who brought the Gospel of love to every family, to use the beautiful expressions of Father Alberione about the Daughters of St. Paul. Sr. Proserfina belonged to that generation which, with faith and simplicity, understood the depth of Alberione's charism, lived it, and passed on to others in all its beauty.

She entered the congregation at the Lipa on September 29, 1951. There she completed her formation and made her first profession on March 19, 1956. She remained in Lipa, working in the technical apostolate, and later moved to Cebu for the itinerant apostolate.

Throughout her Pauline life, Sr. Proserfina was a humble, unassuming, and courageous missionary of the Word, spreading it generously from various communities of the province: Vigan, Dagupan, Baguio, Manila, Legaspi, Olongapo, Davao, and Tuguegarao. To help people welcome the Word, she loved recounting true stories. She was a natural storyteller, with her own way of teaching that inspired people to learn about Jesus and the events narrated in the Gospel.

For several years in Olongapo, Sr. Proserfina prepared radio programs for catechesis, explaining the Word to those who could not read. In Pasay, she served as a nurse and cared for sick sisters. Her gift for communication and the good relationships she built with coworkers and benefactors also encouraged donations to support the apostolic works and needs of the communities.

Warm, cheerful, and always involved in community life, Sr. Proserfina readily took part in activities, enlivened times of recreation with her humor, sang, creatively prepared costumes for performances, and played her characteristic role as an angel. She herself was an angel to the sisters through her warm, welcoming manner, radiant smile, small gestures of gentleness, and the thanks she expressed so often.

Devotion to the Virgin Mary gave a special character to Sr. Proserfina's days, and the rosary was her constant companion. She had a youthful, curious spirit. She loved simple things but also wanted to learn about new technologies to promote what was good. Even in her later years, despite gradually losing her hearing, she found new ways to remain alert, attentive, and actively involved in doing good.

In 2019, Sr. Proserfina was diagnosed with hypertension and coronary artery disease. Since last June, she was hospitalized several times because of serious breathing difficulties. In recent days, her condition suddenly worsened, partly because of severe pneumonia.

We are certain that Sr. Proserfina is already experiencing the glorious inheritance promised to her, together with the many sisters and brothers who now make up the Pauline Family in heaven.

Affectionately,

Rome, November 3, 2026

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