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Dearest Sisters,

Yesterday, at 5:00 p.m. local time, God the Father visited our Cidade Regina community in São Paulo, Brazil, to call to himself our sister:

**D'ANGELO SR. IRMA**  
**born in Sicignano degli Alburni (Salerno), Italy, on 22 March 1928.**

Sr. Irma entered the Congregation in the community of Salerno on 8 February 1947. The following year she was sent to Naples to diffuse the Gospel to the families, schools and institutes there. Afterward, she went to Rome to make her novitiate, which concluded with her first profession on 19 March 1950.

She spent her Juniorate in the communities of Ivrea and Alba, where she carried out the “propaganda” apostolate in particular. After her perpetual profession, she continued this ministry in Livorno and Naples. She lived for a period of time in Catanzaro and Crotone and then, in 1962, was transferred to Reggio Emilia to carry out the service of community driver and to work in the St. Paul Film Agency, where she double-checked films returned by the parishes. She also recalled with pleasure her diffusion of the *Family* magazine in the hospitals of Modena and other nearby zones. Following this, she resumed the hidden but important apostolate of double-checking films in the St. Paul Film Agencies in Turin and Cremona.

In 1970, Sr. Irma asked to go to Brazil for a year to be closer to the members of her family who had emigrated there. She was deeply struck by the kindness of the sisters, especially Sr. Agnese Sandri, and gladly accepted the proposal to extend her stay in that province. She spent more than 10 years in the Domingos de Moraes and Cidade Regina communities in São Paulo, where she served as a driver and helped out in the shipping department. In 1982, she was sent to Brasília, the capital of the country, and from there to Vitoria and São Luis, where she was deeply involved in the book center apostolate. All the people she met were drawn to her because of her simplicity and friendliness. She was respected and sought out because she welcomed all the book center customers with joy and witty exchanges, delighted when they took her advice and purchased the books and CDs she recommended to them.

On the occasion of her Golden Jubilee of religious consecration (2000), Sr. Irma asked to spend a few months in Italy for a time of renewal, during which she also visited her relatives and the communities in which she had lived many years before. In those unforgettable months, she had the chance to make a pilgrimage to Fatima and Alba and to also spend some time at the Generalate, collaborating in the small activities of daily life, especially that of accompanying the drivers on their errands.

When Sr. Irma returned to Brazil, she was assigned to the Cidade Regina community, São Paulo, where she dedicated herself to services compatible with her health, which was by now growing fragile. Above all, she was a warm and supportive presence at the bedsides of our sisters who were hospitalized. In all simplicity, she radiated the joy and wit typical of her native region, which was very dear to her. But although she was proud of her Italian origins, she didn't hide the fact that her heart was now “Brazilian,” because that country had welcomed with open arms the majority of her family.

*Simple, poor, pious, overflowing with serenity and good humor, deeply in love with the Pauline charism and with the Virgin Mary:* this is how the sisters who shared many years of Pauline life with Sr. Irma describe her. It can truly be said that her simplicity was a mirror of her innocence.

Her death was the result of organ failure and her passage to eternity opened to her the doors of a life in which the desert is transformed into a fertile and well-watered land (cf. today's *First Reading*) in which the poor now experience unending wealth.

Affectionately,

  
Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan

Rome, 10 December 2020