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Dear Sisters

This morning, at 4.20 a.m. (local time), in the Divine Providence community in Rome, the good and merciful Father drew to himself, our sister

MIOLATO sr MARIA LILIANA
nata a Campolongo San Germano dei Berici (VI) il 13 ottobre 1938

She was the penultimate of a beautiful and numerous family from Veneto, which had given birth to ten children, among whom was Sergio, who became a Disciple of the Divine Master. At home, she had learned hard work and a deeply lived faith. She entered the Congregation in Rome on 8 December 1962. After a period of formation and apostolic experience in the community of Siena, she spent her novitiate in Alba, which she concluded with her first profession on 30 June 1966. From then on, her heart burned with the ardour for the Pauline mission and the desire to be a missionary “ad gentes”, a desire that she realized in the various communities in Italy, where she carried out the different forms of apostolic activity with generosity, love and full involvement. On the occasion of the renewal of her vows, she confided: “I wish to correspond to the beautiful vocation and walk more quickly on the path to holiness.” And in view of her admission to perpetual profession, fully aware of what lay ahead, she stated: “I want to direct all my energies towards making my vocation ever more vital; I will strive for this, even if there are still many limitations.”

She had a special aptitude for propaganda and did not mind the fatigue, going to great lengths to reach as many people as possible. In the dioceses of Taranto and Rome, she was especially involved in book displays in the parish, Bible days and weeks, and house-to-house visits to families. In Alba, she worked for about two years operating a heavy folding-machine in the bookbinding department. In 1974, she returned to Rome to dedicate herself once more to propaganda and, immediately afterwards, she had the opportunity to experience, in Bologna, the joys and labours of the *San Paolo Film Agency* and the book center.

In 1981, she had the opportunity to stay in the community in Via dei Lucchesi, on the fourth floor, to further develop her cultural formation and respond to the need she felt for a better preparation for the apostolate, after which she joined the provincial house in Via Vivanti as a driver. Massa, Perugia, Ferrara, Bologna and Cagliari were the apostolic centers where she lived, doing good, giving of herself in simplicity and in silence, in a spirit of continuous self-offering. Her dynamism did not prevent her from finding space to pause for long periods of time in front of the Eucharist; and even in her last years, she often expressed the desire to remain before of Jesus, in silence, so as not to leave Him alone and intercede for everyone. *Eucharist and Word* were really the pillars of her life. With deep emotion, the sisters were able to see how she “devoured” the Scriptures: her Bible, worn out from use, is all underlined and enriched with many handwritten comments.

In 2004, she was transferred to the community in Via Bosio (Rome) to help the sisters as a driver and in a thousand other community services. Then, in 2010, she moved to the large Divine Providence community in Rome where she continued to radiate peace, transparency of life and love for the mission. She was happy when, on Sundays, she could go with other sisters to the Porta Portese market to spread with simplicity, messages of light and hope.

For some years now, the dementia from which she had been suffering had been slowly advancing. But even with *Alzheimer's* disease, one was enchanted by her serenity and tranquillity, her will to live, her abandonment into the hands of God and her sisters. Until the end, she spoke no words of complaint but only expressions of gratitude, goodness and docility. In silence and in an intense atmosphere of prayer, she prepared herself to reach the eternal abode of the Father, in the intimacy of Trinitarian life, in the joy that will never end. Affectionately,

sr Anna Maria Porenzan

Rome, 23 March 2021