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Dearest Sisters,

At 6:30 a.m. today, the Lord paid an unexpected visit to the infirmary wing of our Divine Providence community, Rome, Italy to call to new life in the kingdom of heaven our sister:

PRANDINI ROSA ANGELA – SR. MARIA VITTORIA
born in San Cesario sul Panaro (Modena), Italy, on 24 December 1939.

Sr. M. Vittoria was a warm-hearted, sunny-natured and sociable sister with an ever-ready wit—a person who truly embodied the characteristics of the people of her Modena region of Italy.

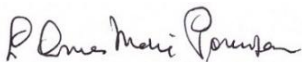
She entered the Congregation in the community of Alba, Italy, on 8 Dec. 1962 after receiving an excellent human and Christian formation as a member of her parish's Catholic Action group. While still a postulant, she had the opportunity to carry out the itinerant mission of the Daughters of St. Paul in the community of Pavia. She then returned to Alba for her novitiate, concluding it with her first profession on 30 June 1966. As a young professed, she continued the apostolate of spreading the Word of God in the communities of Verona, Milan and Pavia. Afterward, she returned to Rome to prepare for her perpetual profession, which she made on 29 June 1972, the Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul. After a time spent in our Asti book center, she dedicated herself to the technical apostolate in Alba, enlivening the bindery with her vivacity and generosity and, when necessary, willingly helping out with the service of cook.

In 1981, Sr. M. Vittoria was transferred to our Pauline Editions Agency in Bologna, where for the next 12 years she promoted Pauline publications to the secular bookstores of that region. It was a time full of enthusiasm and dynamism for her: the bookstore managers she regularly visited recognized in her an authentic Pauline—a born communicator and an attentive, caring sister, who established long-lasting relationships wherever she went. Her frankness and sociability, combined with her preparation of excellent delicacies from her part of the country, were deeply appreciated by her community. As her superiors had consistently pointed out in admitting her to the various stages of formation, Sr. M. Vittoria was always “very good company”—a true *Emilian doc*.

In 1993, she was asked to serve as superior of our Trent community. At the end of her mandate, she returned briefly to Bologna before once again being appointed superior, this time in Rovigo. In 2000 she accepted the request to carry out this service in Ancona, although by then her physical situation was beginning to cause some concern. In March 2002, she was transferred to the Divine Providence community (Via Antonino Pio), Rome to undergo treatment for a severe form of sarcoidosis (a disease characterized by the growth of tiny collections of inflammatory cells in different parts of the body), followed by a particularly aggressive form of peritoneal carcinoma (a type of ovarian cancer). But Sr. Vittoria did not become discouraged. She serenely continued her apostolic duties in the sewing room of the large DP community, along with other services compatible with her health situation.

Because her illness continued to worsen, she was moved to the infirmary wing of the DP community several years ago in order to receive more specialized care. For the last months of her life she was bedridden and assisted by doctors from St. Eugene Hospital. A few days ago she developed thrombophlebitis, which aggravated her already precarious situation, and this morning a hemorrhagic shock led to her encounter with the Divine Master, her Bridegroom and the Lord of her life.

As we entrust Sr. M. Vittoria to the Father's mercy, today's Liturgy urges us to count this dear sister among those called to dwell on God's holy mountain and be placed on his lampstand so that many other people, bathed its light, might glorify the Father in heaven. Affectionately,


Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan

Rome, 19 September 2022