



Dearest sisters,

Yesterday afternoon, we received the news that at 2:57 PM (local time) in Curitiba (Brazil) at the *Hospital das Clinicas*, the Living Christ called our sister to enjoy the beauty of His face:

FERNANDES DE OLIVEIRA JUVALDISE SR. APARECIDA MARIA
born in San Benedito (CE, Brazil) on 27 February 1940

Sr. Aparecida M. was a delicate, sweet, respectful, silent, and sociable sister. She was rich in that faith that welcomed the various situations of life with simplicity and abandonment, as willed by the Lord, ready to renounce herself and dedicate herself fully to the Pauline mission. She was a sister who, in the footsteps of the Apostle Paul, committed herself day after day to living as Jesus so as to communicate Him to people with intelligence and love.

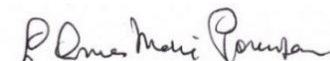
She entered the congregation in the house of São Paulo DM (Brazil) on December 27, 1954, at fourteen years of age. She also made her novitiate in this house, making her first profession on June 30, 1961. During her juniorate, she dedicated herself to managing the magazine "Familia Cristã." After her perpetual profession on June 30, 1966, she was sent to Rio de Janeiro as an accountant and then to Lins as superior. Thus began a long journey of responsibility for Sr. Aparecida in the various services that obedience asked of her, both in Brazil and abroad. She was the formator for young aspirants in Porto Alegre before taking on the role of superior again in Fortaleza. She then again joined the administrative offices of the magazine "Familia Cristã." Then, she was called to the missionary life *ad gentes* in the Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico community, as part of the Venezuelan delegation.

For about twenty years, Sr. Aparecida joyfully and generously gave of herself in Puerto Rico before joining the delegation house of El Hatillo (Venezuela), where she dedicated herself to administration, and coordinating and promoting our editions. She served as councilor for the apostolate for two terms and also as vice delegate. In 1991, she returned to Rio Piedras (Puerto Rico) to accompany the community as superior. In 1997, upon returning to the house in El Hatillo (Venezuela), she became the postulant formator and later Sr. Aparecida directed the book agency in Central Caracas.

After her mother's death in 2000, Sr. Aparecida returned to Brazil and served as the manager of the bookstores in Rio de Janeiro and Niteroi. In Porto Velho, in the Upper Amazon Basin, she was the superior of the community and director of the bookshop. In 2012, she had the joy of going to Rome to participate in the Charism Course of the Pauline Family. It was an unforgettable period for her, in which she immersed herself in the riches of Pauline spirituality. The topic of her thesis was Don Alberione, a man of faith and follower of the Apostle Paul.

Sr. Aparecida then returned to Porto Velho to once again take on the role of superior. At the end of her mandate, she was assigned to São Paulo RA and Bel Horizonte, Turfa, to take care of community administration. She became ill with covid-19 in Rio de Janeiro. It weakened her greatly, and about a year ago, she became part of the Curitiba community so she could receive the health care necessary. The call from the Lord came suddenly. On July 11th, an unknown illness required Sr. Aparecida M. to be hospitalized. She was diagnosed with a large cerebral hemorrhage. Her condition grew progressively worse, leading her to the definitive encounter with the Master and Lord of her life. We thank this dear sister for having sown so much goodness and kindness among us, and we entrust her to her protector, the Virgin of Aparecida, to introduce her to the light and joy of God.

With love.


Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan

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