



Dearest Sisters,

In Rome's "Divine Providence" community, at 11:30 A.M., the Queen of Apostles, gate of heaven and source of peace and happiness, took to herself the last breath of our sister

VIGNUOLO CATERINA, Sr. ANNA MARCELLA
born in Petina (Salerno), 23 July 1926

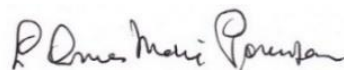
Sr. Anna Marcella serenely lived her long and beautiful life, giving herself day after day to the Pauline mission with simplicity and love. She belonged to a wonderful family that emigrated to the United States, and her thoughts often flew to the relatives she had had the joy of visiting several times in their new homeland. She entered the congregation in the Salerno house on 21 November 1941 at the age of fifteen. She stayed in that community for a few months and, despite the war, soon learned to love the itinerant apostolate, spreading consolation and peace to countless families tried by suffering. She spent the period of her formation and novitiate in Rome, which she completed with her first profession on 19 March 1947. Immediately afterwards, she joined the community in Brescia to bring the Gospel to schools, parishes and offices. From 1959 to 1961 she was granted an extended stay in the United States where, besides visiting her loved ones, she had the opportunity to reside in the Staten Island community and spread the good seed of the Word in the New York metropolis.

She repeated with conviction the Beatitudes of the Daughters of St. Paul that flowed from the heart of Blessed James Alberione and rejoiced to hear them applied to her own Pauline experience: "Blessed are the steps of those who evangelize the good. Blessed are the walkers of God. Blessed are the postmistresses of Jesus. Blessed are the imitators of Mary". In 1961, she returned to Italy and had the opportunity to work in various sectors: the "Altre Edizioni" center in Rome, the book center in Trapani, and the shipping department in Alba. She also willingly specialized as a seamstress in the houses of Naples, Genoa and Livorno.

Beginning in 1988, she lived in Rome, first in the "Divine Master" community and, since 2011, at "Divine Providence". It was in this house that she was able to return to her first love, the itinerant diffusion of the Word, together with her great friend and apostolic companion, Sr. Amelia Carlini. She used to accompany Sr. Amelia with joy and conviction when she went with her display of books or parcels of Pauline magazines to fairs and markets, especially to the picturesque Porta Portese market or the Shrine of "Divine Love".

Intelligent and communicative, Sr. Anna Marcella felt profoundly Pauline and nurtured a lively devotion to the Apostle Paul, whom she frequently visited in the nearby basilica dedicated to him. When she was not at home, it was certain that Sr. Anna Marcella would be at the tomb of the Apostle pouring out the richness of her heart, or in dialogue with the Father Abbot with whom she nurtured a true friendship.

For some years her health had been deteriorating due to Alzheimer's disease and, most recently, a few weeks ago, she suffered a stroke. She was afraid to be left alone, and the Lord in His immense goodness called her to himself in broad daylight, following a heart attack. While the carillon in the nearby Queen of Apostles Basilica rang out the Hail Mary, she was already in Mary's arms, joining her voice to that of the saints in praise of heaven. With affection,



Sr Anna Maria Parenzan

Rome, 27 July 2024