



Dearest sisters,

At 11.10 am (local time) on the 20th Sunday of Ordinary Time (in Brazil, the day on which the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary is celebrated) in the community of Cidade Regina (São Paulo, Brazil) our sister was called to remain *forever* in the love of the Father:

BAVARESCO NELIE SR. LUCILA
born in Nova Alvorada (Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil) on September 4, 1938

Sr. Lucila was a true daughter of the Apostle Paul, full of fervor, joy, and enthusiasm. The great passions that guided her vocational and apostolic journey were the Word of God and the young people to whom she communicated the Pauline charism. Her heart burned for the Word and filled her whole life with ardor. The desire for other people to experience the beauty of belonging to the Lord flourished from her intense love for the mission. Many Brazilian Paulines recognize that God's call came to them precisely through the insistent prayer and no less insistent invitations of Sr. Lucila.

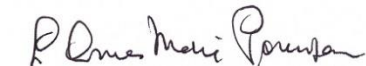
She entered the congregation at the very young age of thirteen on November 23, 1951. For this reason, she lived in the community of Porto Alegre for a long time. During her years of formation, Sr. Lucila had the opportunity to learn the art of printing, pursued cultural preparation in the "Divine Master" community in São Paulo, and dedicated herself to the itinerant apostolate in the Diocese of Curitiba. She made her novitiate in São Paulo and her first profession on June 30, 1960. During her juniorate, she continued her studies and dedicated herself with great energy to spreading the Word among the families and communities of Curitiba.

In 1970, in Recife, Sr. Lucila began her long service as superior, a task she carried out with love and dedication throughout her life. She led the communities of Rio de Janeiro (where she was the superior for three non-consecutive terms), Niteroi, Canoas, and Belo Horizonte-Turfa. The sisters enjoyed her profound sense of responsibility, respectful and simple presence, her prayerful, communicative attention to promoting good relationships, and continuous enthusiasm for the Word of God to reach everywhere. Because of her love for the Pauline charism, she was entrusted with the work of formation in Porto Alegre. At various times, she was the vocationist, especially in the communities of Curitiba and Canoas.

Sr. Lucila also dedicated herself to catechetical animation in the community of São Luis. Her life was focused on the Word of God: lived, studied, and communicated. She took great care in promoting knowledge of Sacred Scripture and introducing prayerful reading of the Bible to various groups; she organized Bible Weeks, reflection groups on the Bible, and various conferences. She was passionate about the mission, the Church, and the people she was sent to evangelize. Even the studies she completed favored an increasingly wise knowledge of the Word of God. In 1996, she had the opportunity to spend a year of Pauline updating in Rome, in the community of Via dei Lucchesi (4th Floor). She was happy to be able to direct all her studies toward the mission that awaited her in Brazil.

In 2017, the diagnosis of severe pulmonary scleroderma prompted her transfer to the Cidade Regina community in order to receive the necessary care. Despite her illness and sufferings, she helped the sisters at the switchboard and made rosaries. In the first days of August, she underwent a successful surgery for a fractured femur, but her pulmonary situation worsened, opening up before her the path to the life that has no end, in the abode of the saints. Her life, now truly driven by the fire of the Spirit, will continue to be a beacon of light for many and illuminate our steps toward the next General Chapter.

With affection,



Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan

Rome, August 18, 2024