



Dearest Sisters,

Last night, at 11:50 p.m., in the Divine Providence community in Rome, our sister concluded her earthly pilgrimage:

MORREAL Sr. ROSA
born in Palma di Montechiaro (Agrigento) on January 24, 1949

A few months ago, sensing her encounter with the Divine Master approaching, Sr. Rosa wrote: “I thank the Lord for the immense love with which He has led my life. I have always felt that He has taken me by the hand and guided me despite my frailty. He has walked beside me in all the difficult moments. To the Father, the Son and the Spirit I offer my profound thanks and praise.” These words capture the life of this dear sister who felt like a little one in God’s hands, who allowed herself to be guided through the moments of deep physical suffering that shaped her personality and marked her spiritual and apostolic journey.

Sr. Rosa entered the congregation in the community of Agrigento at a very young age, on April 30, 1962. She lived a long period of formation in the Divine Providence community in Rome, learning the secrets of the technical apostolate and growing each day in her desire to give of herself completely. She made her first profession in Rome on June 30, 1969. During her juniorate she was assigned to Milan, Palermo and Agrigento, where she was devoted to the spread of the Gospel and study. She then returned to Alba to prepare for perpetual vows, which she made on June 29, 1975. She had the opportunity for a brief experience in the community of Albano before being transferred to Verona and Cagliari to proclaim the Word through film and audiovisual production.

In the early 1990s, Sr. Rosa was diagnosed with an acute form of leukemia for which she underwent a bone marrow transplant, donated by her brother Carmelo. In that time of great difficulty, she was sustained by the certainty that her life could become an acceptable offering to the Lord and that she was a tabernacle where Jesus dwelt. She was encouraged by a dream in which Fr. Alberione entrusted her with the special mission *to carry the cross in serenity*. This sign from the Founder became the beacon of her life, the reason for her tranquil commitment to live fully every moment and every situation.

Overcoming the acute phase of her illness, she continued to give herself with simplicity and joy at the switchboard of the “Divine Providence” community in Rome and in the book centers in Palermo and Lecce. In 2011 Sr. Rosa accepted with some apprehension the role of local superior in Reggio Calabria. There she also devoted herself to the promotion of the Pauline Cooperators, facilitating meetings and supporting apostolic initiatives in various parishes of the city. She expressed goodness and attention to each sister and also gave particular attention to the spacious residence of the community that shone with particular cleanliness and beauty. She wanted the sisters to feel “at home” as a family.

In 2014 Sr. Rosa was transferred to the “Divine Providence” community in Rome, where she tended the switchboard, assisted semi-independent sisters, and contributed in other ways compatible with her health, now aggravated by ovarian cancer. At the beginning of this year, aware that there was no hope of recovery, she entrusted herself to the Father, reconfirming her commitment to live the cross in peace and confident abandonment.

Like the Apostle Paul, Sr. Rosa *fought the good fight*, pouring out her life daily as an offering pleasing to the Father. May she now wear the eternal *crown of righteousness* promised to all who love the Lord and eagerly await his return (cf. 2 Tim. 4:6-8).

Affectionately,

Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan

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