



Dearest Sisters,

We have received news that at the "Santa Clara de Godoy Cruz Clinic" (Mendoza) at 7:30 a.m. on December 11, the Divine Master called our sister to eternal life:

**MARTINEZ Sr. ANA MARIA**  
**born in Las Heras (Mendoza, Argentina) on January 11, 1944**

Sr. Ana Maria passed away in her hometown, where she had lived for several years having been granted permission for an extended absence from the community for health reasons. For more than a decade in fact, she had been suffering from a severe form of chronic multiple neuropathies with complications involving her lungs, bones, and nervous system.

Sr. Ana Maria entered the congregation in the community of Buenos Aires on July 11, 1970. She was already a very committed young woman who served as a member of the Archdiocesan Young Adult Council for Catholic Action. Given her age and the theological and catechetical training she had already received at home, she was soon admitted to the novitiate. She made her first profession on May 6, 1973. As a junior professed sister, Sr. Ana Maria experienced our itinerant mission in the Diocese of Buenos Aires, including Bible days, and evangelization through film forums. In Montevideo (Uruguay) Sr. Ana Maria carried out our mission in our beautiful and modernized Pauline book center. She prepared for final vows in Cidade Regina (São Paulo, Brazil) which she made on March 11, 1979.

Upon her return to Argentina, Sr. Ana Maria became the editor of our magazine "Familia Cristiana," a task she carried out with passion and commitment, at different times, over 15 years. She promoted the magazine and worked with collaborators to devise new ways to increase the magazine's circulation. She also put her remarkable writing skills, her *beautiful pen*, at the service of evangelization, contributing articles to the magazine and collaborating on its editorial team, where she also served as editor.

In 1984 Sr. Ana Maria was named superior of the community of Resistencia. After, in Buenos Aires, she pursued advanced studies in communication, earning a master's degree in social communications. This knowledge enabled her to effectively contribute to provincial and local church initiatives that included serving as Executive Secretary of the Episcopal Commission for Social Communications. For over five years, she also taught at a communications institute.

In 1999 Sr. Ana Maria was appointed superior of the "Oro" community, in Buenos Aires, and then for two non-consecutive terms she served as provincial councilor for spirituality, formation and the apostolate while also serving as secretary. This enriched experience prepared her to participate in the 9th General Chapter as a delegate of the Argentina-Uruguay-Paraguay province. In 2011 she was asked to serve as the Secretary for SAL in Bogota (Colombia). But she soon returned to Buenos Aires due to serious health difficulties for which she asked for a leave of absence from the community.

We also remember this dear sister for her love of the Nativity scene. Sr. Ana Maria collected all kinds of them which she contemplated with wonder and amazement. For her, they were the living Gospel, through which she rediscovered a tangible and vibrant God—a real and present God, as described by Pope Francis—whom she is now called to contemplate for all eternity.

Affectionately,

  
Sr. Anna Maria Porenzan

Rome, December 10, 2024