



Dearest Sisters,

At the Hospice in Bra (Cuneo) at 4:35 a.m. (local time) our sister was called to live in full intimacy with her Lord and Master:

GIORDANO GIUSEPPINA Sr. MICHELA
born in Corneliano (Cuneo) on September 25, 1939

Sr. Michela spent sixty-five focused and dedicated years of Pauline life almost entirely in the large community in Alba. Inspired by her aunt, Sr. Bianca, Sr. Michela entered the congregation on October 30, 1960. From her years as an aspirant and postulant in Alba, she began learning the art of book binding. After her novitiate in Milan, she returned to Alba, where she made her first profession on June 30, 1964. She remained in Alba during her juniorate and made her perpetual profession there on June 30, 1969. On that occasion, Sr. Michela expressed her gratitude to the Superior General for the special graces she had experienced and her commitment to offering an ever more radical response to her Pauline vocation.

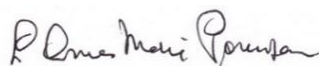
Except for a brief period spent in Rome to attend a training course, and a short time spent in Naples to help in the book center, Sr. Michela was assigned to Alba. Her apostolic environment was not the crowded streets of a metropolis but the large house on Corso Piave that was built in the 1960s to house the printing presses and bookbindery. In those imposing rooms she spent and overspent herself for more than fifty years in binding and shipping books and Bibles throughout Italy.

In her earliest years, under Sr. Edvige Borello's guidance, she became proficient in operating the hand embossing press, the machine that was used for fine binding, imprinting the imitation gold leaf titles on the covers, preparing remembrance books for First Communions and Confirmations or the covers of missals. She also became an expert in preparing both hardcover and paperback editions of the various book series published by *St. Paul's* or *Pauline* Publishing.

She willingly put her keen artistic sense at the service of the community, especially to beautifully enhance the appeal of the community bulletin board. She also generously contributed to liturgical animation, enriching celebrations with her beautiful voice.

After a recent fall, Sr. Michela was diagnosed with advanced cancer that had metastasized to her brain and liver. The situation deteriorated quickly, and she was admitted to the Hospice of Bra. And tonight, the Divine Master invited her to *cross to the other shore*, the shore of love, joy, and peace. As we entrust her to the Father's mercy, we ask for her intercession so that the Word, communicated in the most effective forms, may "nurture, enrich, and bring forth new life" in many people, opening their hearts to the mystery of grace.

Affectionately,



Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan

Rome, January 22, 2025