



Dearest Sisters,

At 4:30 p.m. today, at the “Ramon y Cajal” Hospital in Madrid, Spain, the Lord invited our sister to enjoy forever the wonders of salvation:

PENA ROYO ANGELA Sr. MARIA PAOLA
born in Lerida (Spain) on March 26, 1934

Modest and good-natured, with a mild and cheerful disposition, Sr. M. Paola was a sister who spent herself with great generosity and faith in various services, especially as the community cook. She lived the past 39 years in the house of Madrid, where one could breathe in her sweetness and affability. Her desire to make the sisters happy, by showing each one affection and understanding, was obvious to all.

Sr. M. Paola entered the Congregation on July 5, 1956, in Barcelona, Spain. She was soon transferred to Madrid-La Coslada where she learned various forms of evangelization, from widespread outreach to families and schools, to Gospel Feasts and Marian Days. She then spent a formative period in Alba (Italy) and in 1959 she entered the first canonical novitiate in Spain. It was a time of formation that included, in addition to study, moments of intense apostolate animated by Sr. Lucia Monterumici, the first novice director in Spain.

On December 8, 1960, Sr. M. Paola made her first profession together with ten other young women. She then continued the Pauline mission in the formation community of Madrid. For about fifteen years she devoted herself to both cooking and spreading the Word, regardless of difficulties and challenges. She was a diligent and devoted sister, who always poured her energy into the mission and bringing joy to the community through the delicious meals she lovingly prepared. The sisters continue to tell many heartwarming stories from that time, inspired by Sr. M. Paola’s gentle simplicity and delightful sense of humor.

In 1975 Sr. M. Paola was called to serve as superior in the Las Rozas community in Madrid. At the conclusion of her term, she was assigned to Valladolid where, for eighteen consecutive years, she generously served in the book center and the kitchen.

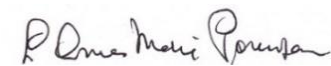
Since 1996 Sr. M. Paola was assigned to the Madrid delegation house, Carril del Conde. The sisters remember her welcoming spirit, her attention to the needs of each person, her positivity and optimism, and her ability to spread peace and warm affection. She was truly a “mother” to all. She was the first one to get up in the morning and the last one to go to bed at night. Sr. M. Paola was understanding when others were tired and was always ready to hide her own fatigue, needs, and illnesses. She found every way to be present to the sisters and ease their fatigue when they returned home, exhausted from the book center, editorial offices, shipping department and diffusion.

Sr. M. Paola’s health had been in decline for several years due to severe heart, lung, neurological, and mobility ailments. She suffered a stroke that left her completely dependent on others for care and took away her ability to speak. And yet somehow, she was still able to pray the Hail Mary repeatedly and with heartfelt devotion. Today, after enduring days of deep suffering, the Divine Master gently took her by the hand and with His healing touch, drew her to Himself to grant her new life in love and perfect communion.

As we give thanks for the faith and joyful witness of this dear sister, we ask her to continue her ministry of intercession, praying for renewed missionary zeal and vibrant new vocations for the entire Pauline Family.

Affectionately,

Rome, February 10, 2025



sr Anna Maria Parenzan