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Dearest Sisters,

At 4:30 a.m. on this first Saturday of the month, the Blessed Virgin visited our James Alberione community, Albano, Italy to called to heaven our sister:

**PIGNOLONI DOMENICA – SR. LUIGINA MARIA
born in Venarotta (Ascoli Piceno), Italy on 12 June 1920.**

Sr. Luigina spent her life among us doing good, leaving in her wake the sweet fragrance of her humility and littleness, as well as her hard-working spirit and great love for the Pauline vocation. She entered the Congregation in the community of Rome on 26 April 1947. Since she was 26 years old at the time, she was considered an “older” vocation. Following a brief period of formation, she was sent to Rome to make her novitiate, which concluded with her first profession on 19 March 1950.

Sr. Luigina had only completed elementary school but she was rich in the wisdom of God. Immediately after her profession, she was sent to Aquila and then Sulmona to carry out the propaganda apostolate, visiting homes and businesses with her bag overflowing with books. She was deeply attuned to the Pauline mission and had grasped profoundly what the Founder meant when he urged the Daughters of St. Paul to “feel the needs of souls;” to “feel responsible for their salvation and happiness.” He said: “It is not important what means you use; what is important is that your heart burn with the desire to pour out on all human beings the fullness of what you have received.” Sr. Luigina did precisely this in Sulmona for almost 15 years through her work in the book center, during which she established warm relations with all the center’s clients.

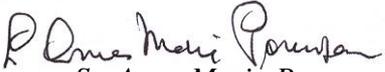
In 1971 she was transferred to the FSP Generalate and asked to carry out various services for the community. Afterward, she was assigned to Potenza, where she once again worked in the book center and served as community cook for more than 20 years. Sr. Luigina did her best to create a serene and hospitable atmosphere in the community: in fact, her service was characterized by attention to the needs of everyone, including in small things. She even went so far as to devise a way of ensuring that the pasta would be cooked to just the right point when the sisters sat down to their meal.

In 1996, Sr. Luigina was transferred to Naples, where she helped to make hosts and carried out various household duties. For more than 10 years she worked in the refectory alongside Sr. Lidia Fulvi, who died yesterday. The sisters who lived with Sr. Luigina say that she was an exceptional person—a very hard worker, who lived in an attitude of gratitude to God and who possessed the rare ability to ask for forgiveness. She thanked the sisters for everything and asked their pardon repeatedly if any of her words or actions might have had offended anyone. Her bright eyes shone with goodness and with her ardent desire to be faithful to the Lord up to the very end.

During the Fraternal Visit to Naples last May, Sr. Luigina became famous for her frequent visits to the parlor where the Superior General was speaking with the members of the community one by one. Sr. Luigina, who by then was suffering from a serious loss of memory, was curious about this unusual presence in the community and would pop in frequently to see if the sisters in conference needed anything. A little over a month ago, her declining health made it necessary to transfer her to the James Alberione community, Albano. By that time her physical condition had become so frail that as the days passed she gradually fell into a coma.

We feel particularly close to our sisters in the Naples community who in the space of a few hours have had to say goodbye to two dear sisters with whom they lived for many years. May Sr. Luigina and Sr. Lidia obtain for them the joy of faith and vibrant hope in the life to come.

Affectionately,


Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan
Superior General

Rome, 1 August 2015