



Dear Sisters,

Today, October 6, 2016, at 7:00 am (local time) at *Clinica Sarmiento a Cosquín*, Cordoba (Argentina), the Lord called to the eternal wedding feast our sister,

**SR. M. PIERCARLA JUANA TANEDA,
born on December 24, 1937 in Fontana-Chaco (Argentina).**

She entered the Congregation in Cordoba on February 10, 1964, at a mature age. The pastor presented the young woman in this manner: *“I can verify that Miss Juana, whom I knew as a catechist at Resistencia, and is associated with the Apostolate of Prayer and dedicated to the diffusion of “Familia Cristiana”, has always been held in high regard and has maintained exemplary moral conduct”* (Fr. Victor S. Robles, Marian Congregation – Resistencia). Of Japanese origin, her parents – who are Buddhists, always lived an edifying and austere moral life. In a letter to Mother M. Lucia Ricci, dated May 15, 1975, she informed her of a visit to the relatives in Japan made by her mother and siblings after 45 years. She communicated their surprise at finding a Japan that was modern and different, and their joy upon returning to Argentina.

Juana was sent to Rome for the novitiate in 1966, where she made her first religious profession on March 25, 1967. In the family she had already been prepared in the art of tailoring. This would be continued in her apostolic service in religious life. Following the profession, she was in the community at Vicenza for a year as a tailor, and then in Rome for the same purpose. In 1968, she returned to Argentina, in the community of Buenos Aires, where she would be responsible for the ecclesiastical tailoring. She made her perpetual profession in Cordoba on March 25, 1973. In the reports prepared by the formators in the various stages of formation, there was an emphasis on her strong sense of responsibility and her dedication to working on herself, especially on her character.

In 1969, at Cordoba, she continued her service in sewing and embroidery and, in 1972, returned to Buenos Aires, with responsibility for the aspirants. From 1974 to 1978, she was the local superior at Mar del Plata, and in 1978 she was in Cordoba with the novices and as a local councilor. In 1982 she was a regional councilor, and in 1992 she was local superior in Buenos Aires. From 1995 she spent some years in Rome, especially at the souvenir shop at St. Peter's. She returned to Argentina in 1998, where she served at the Liturgical Apostolate Center in Cordoba. In 2004 she was at the Liturgical Center in Comodoro Rivadavia and then, in 2006 in the new location at Corrientes, where, little by little, the symptoms of Alzheimer's disease became evident, with the limitations it entails. In 2007 she returned to Cordoba, in the Community Madre Scolastica, together with the elderly sisters, for care. The sisters and others surrounded her with attention, care and kindness.

The sisters remember her as being available, sociable and abundantly generous, joyful, clear in her ideas and capable in administration. In the liturgical apostolate she manifested a particular attention to families and children. She always had a word of advice or consolation for everyone. The priests especially expressed their gratitude for the kindness with which she welcomed them at the liturgical center. Taking into consideration the fact that they often travelled long distances, together with her cordial service she also offered them a cup of coffee or a refreshing drink to renew their energy.

Always enthusiastic in following the Lord, she wrote in one of her self-evaluations for the renewal of vows: *I am consecrated to God, who manifested his great love through his Son who suffered for us.* Sr. M. Piercarla was joined to this mystery of the suffering of Jesus, a mystery of love, in response to Him by whom she felt profoundly loved. She peacefully accepted the cross of sickness as a participation in the paschal mystery. In this last period, the Lord called her to complete silence, preparing her for the great celebration. From Paradise, she will send the Spirit of consolation to her sisters in Argentina who, like her, believe intensely in the mission and dedicate themselves untiringly for the coming of the Kingdom of God. Together with Mother Scholastica and all the sisters from Argentina in heaven, may she intercede for the gift of new vocations and for the sanctity of all the Sister Disciples journeying toward the 9th General Chapter. Sister, rest now in peace, beside the Virgin Mary, whom you loved so much!

S. H. Paolo Mancini