



Dear Sisters,

Today, November 5, 2013, at 5:00 PM in the community of Albano DM (Rome), the Divine Master called our sister to participate in the wedding banquet:

**IANUALE ARGIA, Sr. M. Palma,
born on October 9, 1933, in San Nicola La Strada (CE).**

Argia entered the Congregation on August 13, 1956, in Rome and went to the Mother House in Alba (CN) for her initial formation as an aspirant and then as a postulant. She returned to Rome for her novitiate, and made her first profession there on March 25, 1959, as well as her perpetual profession on March 25, 1964. Immediately she was asked to put to use her expertise in sewing in various communities: first in Vicenza, then in Naples. She would then be in the communities of Trento, Rimini, and again in Naples, always with responsibility for the preparation of vestments or tailoring. From 1987, she fulfilled several mandates as local superior in the communities of the Society of St. Paul: in Bari, and then in Albano. During these past few years she was working in the laundry at the Society of St. Paul in Rome. In May of this year, she was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. The duration of this illness was brief: she was transferred to the community of Albano DM for the necessary treatment. Her condition gradually deteriorated until the completion of her earthly pilgrimage, which took place with great peace and complete consciousness.

In her meeting with Sr. M. Giovanna Colombo, Provincial Superior, on June 1, 2013, she expressed herself in this manner:

“ I was waiting for you. Take a sheet of paper and a pen and write this:

- I thank the Lord that he called me to be a Sister Disciple;
- The superiors were always good to me, I will always pray for them;
- I will pray for priests and for vocations;
- I want my death to be communicated, but I do not want a necrology. I do not want flowers for my funeral. The homily is to be on the Word of God and not on what I was.
- I leave this world to go to meet my Spouse. I am happy.
- I sought to love everyone, to assist all, especially the brothers who were most in need.
- I ask pardon for my bad example.”

Respecting the desire of our sister, who was always characterized by simplicity and the essential elements, we would like to thank the Lord for her witness of humility, generosity, and self-sacrifice. May her love for the Pauline priests and brothers, which she concretized in her continual and silent offering, touch many young women!

May Jesus Master and Lord welcome this, our sister, into the banquet of eternal life, marked by that goodness she learned each day at your school of life!

S. H. Paolo Mancini