



Dear Sisters,

Today, August 4, 2020, at 5:00 AM, as nature was reawakening to the new day, in the Sucre Clinic (Córdoba – Argentina), the Risen Lord went to meet his disciple and our sister

**SR. M. CLEMENS – CÁNDIDA GERÓNIMA TORRES
BORN ON DECEMBER 1, 1934 IN YACANTO – CÓRDOBA (ARGENTINA).**

On July 27, 1954, Cándida Gerónima, the penultimate of twelve children, left her family to enter among the Sister Disciples in Cordoba and to enter the religious life in response to her longing to dedicate herself to the Lord. During these years, Mother Scholastica was responsible for the communities in Argentina, together with other pioneer sisters: Sr. M. Tomasina Pica, Sr. M. Paula Anselmo, Sr. Maria del Sacro Cuore Carrara and Sr. M. Erminia Cattapan. Their testimony of life and of faith was the most efficacious school for this young woman, almost twenty years of age, who was admitted to the novitiate on July 15, 1957, and made her religious profession the following year on July 16, 1958. On March 25, 1964, always in Cordoba, she made her perpetual profession.

She was a practical young woman, formed within the context of a family and community life to face daily needs generously and creatively. An excellent cook, she was appreciated for the priestly ministry she offered in various communities of the Society of Saint Paul over many years. Her joviality and promptness won the love and esteem of many persons. This is evidenced by the numerous expressions of affection that have arrived following the announcement of her death: “I give thanks to the Lord for all that I have shared with Sr. M. Clemens. She was an example of strength, humility and obedience. She always strove to collaborate, and she cultivated this disposition until the end”. “Undoubtedly, she leaves in the hearts of many the witness of a woman consecrated to God and at the service of her neighbor in the charism and the mission of the Sister Disciples of the Divine Master” (Fr. Martin Dolzani, Provincial Superior SSP).

She had a great love for the Pauline Family and fostered vocations for the various Institutes. As one Annunciationist wrote: “Sr. M. Clemens welcomed me with great love when I went to Quisquizacate for the first time, invited by Fr. Roberto. She embraced me tenderly and filled me with hope. I was amazed, since I found myself in a community with only men and Fr. Roberto was not there. During lunch she looked at me affectionately and smiled: thus was born a bond of friendship that has endured until today!”.

The Sisters from Argentina testify: “She has fulfilled her journey of discipleship with joy and dedication, without counting the numerous difficulties and trials posed by life, by the mission, by her health, and by the circumstances which subsequently arose. She was faithful to the daily Eucharistic Adoration, to her work, and community sharing. The Pauline priests and brothers who

had the grace to meet her upon their entrance into the seminary, whether in Buenos Aires or in Cordoba, are grateful to have known her.

In advanced age, she patiently and serenely accepted her declining health, sharing in whatever her strength allowed, because she unconditionally loved living in community. Industrious and precise, she crocheted thousands of cinctures: there are numerous seminarians and priests who use them with veneration because they were made by blessed hands and joy-filled eyes since her heart was filled with God”.

She was suffering from pancreatic cancer and, as her condition worsened due to numerous complications, she was hospitalized in the Sucre Clinic, where she died as a result of irreversible cardiogenic shock.

From Paradise, may she obtain for each member of the Pauline Family, in Argentina and throughout the world, to live the joy of our vocation in order to transmit it and to attract others to such a beautiful and relevant mission.

Sr. M. Michaela Monetti'