



Dear Sisters,

Today, January 15, 2014, at 5:20AM, in the hospital of Czestochowa (Poland), the Lord called to the eternal wedding feast our sister

**Sr. M. Boguslawa Josefa Soltys,
born March 18, 1930 in Dys (Lublin) – Poland.**

Native of Lublin, a promising area of Poland for both culture and vocations, she entered the Congregation at Czestochowa on September 2, 1950. A few years later she began her novitiate on March 24, 1954, made her first religious profession on March 25, 1955, and her perpetual profession on March 25, 1961. All of these took place in Czestochowa, which was initially our only location in Poland.

Sr. M. Boguslawa was one of the first candidates, even though she did not belong to the very first nucleus. Besides a junior high school education, she also had a diploma in embroidery, and she soon displayed a special talent in the areas of embroidery and sewing. Since she also possessed a strong spirit of sacrifice and made no distinction between one work and another, she was of great assistance in every apostolic sector. She could boast of having begun the activity of the workroom at the service of the Liturgy in Poland. In her request for the renewal of vows, she demonstrates a very clear self-awareness: *“I realize that I do not have all the virtues necessary for the common life, for obedience, charity toward my neighbor, and humility, but I have good will and the desire to correct myself. I am confident and I pray”* (Czestochowa, January 26, 1958). This desire to foster her personal journey of sanctification accompanied her throughout her life, until she reached a true transformation. She was sustained by the firmness of her vocation and a great love for the Congregation, which enabled her to overcome many difficulties at the beginning of our life as Sister Disciples in Poland, under a Communist regime.

She was able to spend one month in Italy, from June to July 1980, when leaving Poland was difficult, and she knew how to make this experience bear fruit for the apostolate. In her apostolic activities, she collaborated with the liturgical apostolate, to the extent that this was possible, within the constraints of the socio-cultural context of that time. She was mainly dedicated to the areas of embroidery and sewing, but lately she was preparing very precious cinctures. She began in Czestochowa and was later transferred to Lapy. She offered her service as sacristan in the parish, and then, continuing her service as sacristan, she moved to Piastow (Ursus), near Warsaw. It was the ecclesial and apostolic service that was compatible with the political situation of the time. These lands were blessed with many vocations among the Sister Disciples.

In her vocation, she greatly loved priests and always prayed for them. This intention accompanied her both in the parishes and during her Eucharistic Adoration, and she offered her sufferings for them. In more recent years, Sr. M. Boguslawa was in Czestochowa as the eldest sister. Even in bad weather, every day and with great zeal, she went to the Sanctuary of Jasna Gora to take her turn in Eucharistic Adoration at noon. It was only a month ago that she was diagnosed with cancer of the pancreas and the liver, which brought her to the end of her earthly journey, lovingly assisted by the sisters. The entrance antiphon for today's liturgy says: *“I saw a man sitting on a high throne, being worshipped by a great number of angels who were singing together: This is he whose kingdom will last forever”*.

Dear Sr. M. Boguslawa, united with this angelic choir contemplating Him who reigns forever, remember us who are journeying to the heavenly homeland, and all the communities of the Pauline Family, especially those in Eastern Europe! Rest in peace!

S. H. Paolo Hancin