



Dearest Sisters,

We received the news that at 4:40 p.m. today, local time, the Father of Light visited Father Mueller Hospital in Mangalore, India, to welcome into his loving embrace our sister:

MAROTTIKUDI ALIE – SR. M. GIOVANNA

born in Kaladi (Kerala), India on 17 February 1941.

A quiet, sensitive sister, who interacted serenely with others, Sr. M. Giovanna had a gentle disposition and a great sense of responsibility. She placed all her gifts of nature and grace at the service of her Province, especially the professional training in administration that she had acquired after obtaining a diploma in in this field and then an academic degree in business.

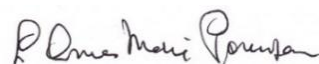
Her desire to follow the Divine Master more closely through a life of religious consecration had matured while she was growing up in her large and deeply Christian family. At the end of her studies, she entered our Congregation in the house in Mumbai, India, on 20 August 1960. She underwent her initial formation and made her novitiate in the central house of our Indian Province, concluding this stage of her religious life with her first profession on 30 June 1964. As a young professed sister, she devoted herself to the itinerant mission of the Congregation in the archdiocese of Goa and then to the publishing apostolate in Mumbai while she was serving as assistant to the young aspirants there.

She made her perpetual profession on the Solemnity of St. Paul, 1969. On that occasion, she sensed a special invitation of the Lord to respond with responsibility and docility to the will of God as manifested through her superiors. Consequently, she joyfully accepted the request to work as a missionary in the diocese of Calcutta. In 1978 she began a long curriculum as bursar in the communities of Mumbai, Bangalore and Secunderabad. Sr. M. Giovanna was a competent administrator, attentive to the needs of the sisters and scrupulous in preparing the fiscal accounts to be presented to the state in accord with the particularly complex Indian system, which requires each federated state (and therefore each community) to carry out an autonomous administration.

In 1986, she was also appointed superior of our Secunderabad community. After a brief interval in Calcutta, she resumed her administrative duties in 1990 in the houses of Nagpur, Bangalore, Mumbai-Dahisar, Trivandrum and Bangalore successively. Following this, she had the joy of dedicating part of her time to our Bangalore book center, which was frequented by all categories of people, including members of other religions.

A few months ago, due to her fragile health, Sr. M. Giovanna was assigned to the Province's new house in Mangalore where she was actively involved in community life and was also able to devote extended time to personal prayer. At this point, she was ready to receive the Lord's calls to her through a series of medical issues. Last November a malignant tumor was discovered in her lungs; then an accidental fall caused her hip to fracture and restricted her movements. Another fall in recent days led to a brain clot that hastened her encounter with our loving Father.

As we bid farewell to our dear sister, we thank her because even in her quiet and hidden service she was the voice of a Presence within her that expanded her heart to the farthest bounds of the earth. Affectionately,



Sr. Anna Maria Pare

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