



April 27, 2010

***“More than the watchman  
waiting for the dawn to come  
I await the Lord.”***

(Psalm 130)

These words of the Psalmist, reflect the sentiments of dearest Sister Emma who waited serenely for the final calling of her Bridegroom to take her to her heavenly home.

Sister M. Emma (Virginia) Xalxo, daughter of Barnabas Xalxo and Philomena Bara, was born on 03.11.1928 at Patratoli, Ranchi, in a devout Catholic home. She completed her SSLC in Ranchi.

She entered the Novitiate on January 6<sup>th</sup> 1953 and received her habit on January 1<sup>st</sup> 1954, made her Profession on January 1<sup>st</sup> 1956 and her Perpetual Profession on January 1<sup>st</sup> 1962. She completed her Medical Nurses Training in Hyderabad 1958 and in the month of May of the same year was given her first posting in the Dispensary at Duldula. In July 1961, she was appointed as Nurse in the Mithapur Tata Hospital. In August 1968 she was transferred to Secunderabad as Infirmarian for a year only, to be shifted to Fatimanagar Hospital as a Nurse in 1969 and again to Secunderabad as Infirmarian in January 1970. For the next 25 years she willingly served as Nurse in Appanapeta, Mallapur, Mambakkam (1983), Dumaria (1985) Mallapur (1987) and St. Ann’s Home. In 1995 she returned to Mallapur Dispensary and gave herself for 10 more years till her memory started failing, rendering her medically incapable for service. Thus she confined herself to serving the Community. She was thoughtful about the needs of others, taking care to keep meals for those who were absent. She was simple, peaceful and sportive when the young Sisters took delight in cracking many a joke with her.

From December 2009, when Sister Emma had a fall, her health began deteriorating. Her swollen feet were giving trouble, as she moved around. Yet she was eager to attend Community exercises and participated with keen interest while doing the Community Animation Forms.

She was found to be happy in moments of togetherness, never complaining about her ailments. Being a nurse, she sensed the beginning of her end and told Mother General that she had not many days to live. I always found her serene and contented whenever I visited the Community.

She was being treated by Sister Ippolita; as her condition grew worse, she was shifted to the hospital on 12<sup>th</sup> March ’10. The doctors, after having conducted all the tests, confirmed that she was suffering from Congestive Cardiac Failure. She found relief from the medication that

was administered. That same evening I still found her remarkably tranquil and prepared to meet the Lord. However, her life gradually ebbed away. She passed away peacefully on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2010 in the early hours of the morning, while she was still in the Vijaya Marie Hospital at Khairatabad. The simple people of the village to whom she had ministered waited to pay their homage. There were the Non-Catholics who were catechized by her and some others who found in her a Mother and listener to their problems.

The funeral mass took place in St. Mary's Church around 4.30 p.m. being well attended by the Sisters of the twin cities and Warangal. She was lucky to have Mother General, the Provincial Team, Sisters, relatives and the people she had served at Mallapur who lovingly followed till the cemetery.

Dear Sister Emma, intercede now for the intentions of our dear Mother General and all those whom you served.

They have done much who have loved much. Let us pray that the Lord in His great Mercy grant her the fullness of life and light for all eternity. I thank Sister Muriel and the Sisters of the Community who lovingly shared in the last part of her journey. Our prayerful support to you and to her dear ones who miss her presence.

In union of love and prayer

Affectionately,

Sd/- Sr. Monica Francis  
Provincial Superior